

St. Paul's United Church of Christ  
Butler, Pennsylvania  
Rev. Ralph Link, Pastor January 7, 1990  
Mr. Robert Weisenstein, Liturgist  
Mr. Dale Rice, Minister of Music  
Mr. Roland Thompson, Saxophonist  
Acolytes: Mike Kay and Chris Shearer

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ORDER OF WORSHIP 11:00 A.M.

Prelude  
Chiming of the Hour  
Announcements  
Congregational Greeting  
Joys  
Prayer Requests  
+Processional Hymn No. 7 "Great God, We Sing Your  
Mighty Hand"  
+Ascription  
+Exhortation  
+Confession (In Unison) O Thou Who art from everlasting to  
everlasting, without beginning or end of days;  
replenish us with heavenly grace, at the beginning of  
this year, that we may be able to accept all its duties,  
to perform all its labors, to welcome all its mercies,  
to meet all its trials, and to advance through all it  
holds in store for us with cheerful courage and a  
constant mind. O Lord, let us not be separated from  
Thee, either by joy or sorrow, or by any sin or weak-  
ness of our own. Forgive us, and keep us in Thine  
eternal love, through Christ our Lord. Amen.  
+Kyrie  
+Assurance of Pardon  
Call to Prayer: Pastor - The Lord be with You  
People - And with Thy Spirit  
Pastor - Let us pray.  
Requiem Observance and Prayer  
Mrs. Rosco Gould, Merle S. Harmon, Joseph Hampton,  
Mr. & Mrs. Carl Hoffman, William Winters and William  
Hockenberry  
Friends: Mary DeBroad, Vera Hockenberry, Samuel P.  
Christy and Carrie Sanderson *WALTER H. TROTTER*  
Hymn No. 614 "For All the Saints"  
Children's Moment  
Giving of our Tithes and Offerings  
Offertory  
+Doxology page 382

Piano Anthem: "No Other Name/All Hail the Power of Jesus  
Name"

Scripture: James 1: 21-25

Sermon: "Does It Work?"

+Invitational Hymn No. 370 "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

+Choral Benediction "Shalom to You"

+Benediction

+Postlude

\*\*\*\*\* +Congregation Standing \*\*\*\*\*  
The beautiful flowers on the altar have been placed by Mr.  
and Mrs. Leroy Andrew Jr. and Family in memory of  
Leroy Andrews Sr.  
Mr. & Mrs. Alvin Tait will greet our members and guests  
at the door this morning.  
Ushers for today are Marty Henry, Walter Hollefreund,  
John Snow and Jeff Snyder.  
Attendance last Sunday was 85 with 6 visitors.  
Nursery will be provided today by Mrs. Linda Patsy.  
Van Driver for next Sunday will be Dick Mangel.  
The Hospital Visitation Team for this week will be Bill  
Snyder and Dick Mangel.

UPCOMING MEETINGS: -Tuesday Jan. 9th - Sunday School  
teachers meeting at 7 P.M. Please come!  
-Monday Jan. 8th - Property Committee  
meeting at 7 P.M.  
-Audit begins at 2 P.M. See office for  
your scheduled time. January 17th!!!  
-Jan. 18th Music Committee will meet  
following choir practice at 8:30 P.M.

> YEARBOOK INFORMATION is due in now. All committee chair-  
men must report who the new chairman is for 1990.  
> NOMINATIONS for Elders and Deacons will be made this month.  
Please put down your nomination on a slip of paper and  
drop in the offering plate. Paper is found in back of  
the pews.

At the Choral Benediction we would like the congregation to  
join us. The words are: Shalom to you now, Shalom my  
friends, May God's full mercies bless you, my friends,  
In all your living and through your loving, Christ be  
your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

At the close of the service the invitation is extended to  
each worshipper to respond to God's leading for your  
life. This invitation gives the opportunity to accept  
Christ, to pray, to meditate, or to seek counseling.  
The Altar is open to everyone, The Pastor will assist  
you if you desire.

COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH - SAGAMORE, PA. - JANUARY 5, 1997

PRELUDE

GREETINGS/JOYS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRAYER REQUESTS

BOWLING TODAY MOHAWK LANES INDIANA  
5:00 - NEED RIDE? ASK BRIAN  
ALL WELCOME

SIGN UP SHEET REFR. DVM/STAIN  
NEXT WK OK - FOLLOWING WK:

\*HYMN

PRAYER/OFFERING

\*DOXOLOGY

DISMISSAL OF JUNIOR CHURCH - K TO 11yrs

PASTORAL PRAYER

HYMN

SCRIPTURE: JAMES 1:21-25

SERMON: "DOES IT WORK?"

ST. PAUL'S, BUTLER - 1/7.90

HYMN

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

UNKNOWN - PEG

SCRIP: JAMES 1:21-25; SERM: "DOES IT WORK?"

(ILUS MAN MAKE A "THIG-A-MA-JIG")

SUMONE SED CH IS LIK THIS - DORS OPN, WINDOWS OPN, ETC

BUT WAT IS IT? DUZ IT WORK? ANSR LYS IN WAT CH IS????

CH IS LIV ORGNISM MADE OF OTHR LIV ORGANISMS WH/KEEP IT GO

/OUT LIV ORGNISMS-PEOPL, TH/CH IS JUS BLDG, EDIFACE

PEOPL IS WAT MAKES CH & CH IS DEPN ON PEO WORK/B ACTIV

THIS WAT JAMES SPK IN THIS SCRIP

HE TALK 2EA INDIVID XPIAN & HIS CAL 2LIF HOLINES & SERVIC

VS 21=FILTHNES=FILTH/DIRT, THAT WH/SOIL CLOTHES/BODY

PUT ASID=STRIP OFF LIK DIRTY CLOTHES

FILTHNES/WICKENES=ROOT MEANING - WAX IN TH/EAR

"STRIP OFF THAT WH/WUD MAK US DEAF TO HEAR

WHT? =VS 21B

ENGRAFT WORD=BIBL-MANNR OF LIV LIF, PLANT W/IN AS SEED

G IMPLANT W/H. SP., HUNGR/THIRST FOR G'S WORD

HUMNNS DENY/DELAY THIS & PUT OFF WKS, DAYS, MNTHS, EVN YRS

JAMES SAYS=STRIP OFF FILTH OF WORL, & RECEIV ENGRAFTD WORD

DUZ IT WORK??? HOW WUD U ANSER???

IT DEPENDS ON U & UR CHURCH & WAT CH IS TO U

(ILUS PASTOR, CHURCH SIGN & REVERS POINT TO CEMTARY)

MANY CH'S R DED? R U DED TO UR CH? OR IS TH/CH DED TO U???

IT IS ONLY AS ALIV AS U R WIL TO MAK IT

VSS 22-24=WHY JAMES SAY MAN??

SUMONE SED IF UBD WOMAN SAM SNALOGY WUDNT HOLD TRU

MAN LKS & C'S SELF, AS IS: MITE NOTIC ONE EAR BIGGR, NOSE TOO BIG,

MOLE ON CHIN, WART ON NOSE, ETC

NO USE WOMAN BCUZ WUD COVR W/MAKUP DO SUMTH BOUT IT,

BUT MAN ACPT AS IS, GOES AWAY & 4GETS WAT LKS LIK, (AVG MAN)

CONTRAST THIS TO - VS 25=READ

SONTRAST=LOOKETH-PEER INTENTLY AT - STOOP OVR & EXAMIN

MAN WHO SEEK WORK AT FAITH ISNT CONTENT JUS LK & C LIK MIRROR,

& 4GET, MUS LK CLOSLY

WAT HE LK AT??? -- PERF LAW OF LIBRTY & WAT IS THIS???

ROMANS 8:2=



ROMANS 8:2

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THIS IS PAUL'S ANSR TO "WAT IS TH/PERF LAW," OR, "TH/LAW OF LIB"  
TH/PERF LAW IS CHRIST

"WAS TH/PERF HUMN BEING G WANTD HIS CREATIN OF MAN 2B  
S WAS ABL 2LIV UP TO & FULFIL EVRY REQUIR G HAD 4MAN  
AND IT IS ONLY THRU TH/SHED BLUD OF JS XP MAN CANB SET FREE FROM  
TH/BONDAG OF SIN & TH/SPIRITUL DETH OR SEPRATIN FR/GOD THAT SIN  
BRINGS WITH IT

SO THRU JS XP THER IS TH/NEW LAW, TH/LAW OF LIBRTY, FREEDOM  
FR/SIN & ITS CONSEQUENCES

IS THAT A PART OF OUR LIVS AS WE LIV EA DAY??? IT SHUDB  
R WE AWAR THAT THRU JS XP WE R NU CREATINS & WE HAV BIN SET  
FREE??? WE SHUDB

(ILUS 5YR OLD BOY BROCLAIMING PEOPLE WER FBGRIVN)

EVN THO HIS MOTHR WAS EMBARASD HE HAD IT RITE

HE WAS STAING A TRUTH

IT IS IN XP'S NAM ALL MANK IS FBGRIVN

BUT NOT EVRONE AWAR OF THAT OR EVN CARES TO KNO IT  
BUT LIK THAT CHILD - THERE - OUT THERIS WHER TH/MESAG NEEDS 2B  
GIVN

DUZ TH/CHURCH WORK??? ONLY IF ITS INDIVIDUL MEMBRS WORK AT  
SHARING THER FAITH

(ILUS OF YNG MAN & ALL AUDIENC CLAPPD EXCEP ONE MAN)

IS G ABL 2APLAUD WAT WE R DO IN TH/CHURCH?

WHOM R WE SEEKING TO PLEAS?

TH/DORS & WINDOWS OPN & CLOS:

YES GO OFF & ON, BELLS RING & THIS CONG IS IN MOTIN

BUT DUZ IT WORK???

WAT IS IT??? HOW DO WE ANSR???

R WE WILLING TO CHANG OUR INACTIVITY IF WE R GILTY OF THAT???

GOD INVITES US NOT JUS 2B HEARERS OF TH/WORD, BUT DOERS ALSO



(Ilus THINGAMAJIG)  
exempl of Ch

vs 21=

filthines=~~strip~~offSOIL CLOTHES/BODIES

put off=STRIP OFF LIK CLOTHES

THINES?WICKDNES+MEDSENSE+WAX IN TH/EAR

IMPLANT=PLACE IN LIK SEED

(Ilus Ch/sign & pt othr way 2 cemtary)- Wher is Ur Ch?

vss 22-24

Contrast vs 25

Rom 8:2-Perf Law

(Ilus 5yr old boy suprmarkt-In Xp's Nam U R 4Givn)

(Ilus yng man violin,evrone aplaud cept one old man)

# "Does It Work?"

Scripture: James 1:21-25  
 (Ilus man mak "Thingamajig")  
 Suml has sed th/Ch is lik this:dors/windows opn/shut/bels R rung,  
 lites go on/off=but wat is it? Duz it work?  
 ansr lvs in wt th/Ch is=2defin simply is 2say it liv orgnism  
 madup othr liv orgnisms 2keep it go  
 ut othr liv orgnisms=pec,Ch is jus word,bldg,edific  
 pec is wat maks th/Ch & th/Ch is depend on thoz pec work & B  
 activ  
 this precisely wat James talk bout this Scrip  
 he talk 2ea individ Xpian & his cal is 2lif hilines & servic  
 vs 2l=intrst 2note word 4=Filthines/wickdnes means filth/dirt  
 wh/soils clothes/bodys  
 word usd 4=put asid=strip off lik clothing  
 so he say=STRIP OFF THAT WH/SOLIS CLOTHS OR BODYS  
 But word 4=Filthines/wickdnes has root mean wh/usd medicl sènsè  
 & that medicl sènsè means wax in the ear  
 So seem James say=BLIEVRS SHUD STRIP OFF,OR AWAY FR/SELVS ANYTH  
 WH/WIL STOP OR MAK DEF THER HEARING  
 & wat is reasn 4this? So=IN HUMILITY RECEIV WORD IMPHANTD=2lb  
 Word Imphantd=G's Word,Th/Bible,wh/has w/in mesag salv & mannr of  
 liv Xpian lif  
 Implant=means 2plac w/in,plant lik seed  
 G's Word implant us by H Sp  
 we no born w/naturl desir read/diges G's Word  
 that hungr/thirst afr things of G implan w/in by H Sp epk 2  
 our harts & livs  
 it wen cum 2knowledg salv thru Js Xp,receiv Him as L & Sav that  
 Bgin hav hungr/thirst 4 G's Word  
 our human nes mav mak us deny this & may delay & put off serch  
 of G's Word 4days/wks/perhaps yrs  
 t' why James say we 2strip off filth this worl & receiv impl  
 W...  
 2 th/quest=Duz It Work?, how sud U ansr?  
 it very much depen wher Ur ch is  
 (Ilus pastr,ch/sign,& sign point othr directin)  
 Wher is Ur ch? Is it ded? Or is it aliv? It is only as aliv as U  
 R wil 2mak it  
 Vss 22-24-notic=James say=MAN,do U kno why man not woman?  
 sumone sed if wrto woman analgy wudnt hol tru  
 (Exempl-man lk,C warts;moles;unevn ears,lrg nose,etc)  
 he 4get & walk way-if womn,wud seek 2corec,covrup,but avg man  
 lk & quickly 4get  
 Contrast this=vs 25  
 th/contras this=in odr 4man 2B wat shudB,peers intently  
 intently=actuly stoop ovr 2C very closely wat lk at

2/  
 man who seek work at faith no conten jus 2C mere imag in mirror  
 quickly 4gett  
 NO,mus lk closely at it  
 Th/Perf Law;Th/Law of Librty -Wat is perf law,law of librty?  
 Rom 8:2=Th/perf Law is Js Xp  
 He perf humn B G wantd 4His creatin of man 2B  
 was sbl 2liv up2 fulfilling evry requir G had 4man  
 & it only thru shed blud Js Xp man canB set free fr/bondag sin &  
 sp/deth,sepratin fr/G that sin brings w/it  
 so thru Js Xp ther is Nu law=th/Law of librty,fredum fr/sin &  
 its consequences  
 is that a part our livs as liv them ea day?  
 R we awar thru Js Xp we R nu creatins,that we bin set free?  
 (Ilus 5yr old boy & suprmart=In Xp's Name U R 4givn)  
 evn tho mothr embars,boy had it rite  
 he was stat truth  
 it is in Xp's Name all mank is 4givn,but not evrone is awar of  
 that or evn cares 2kno it  
 but lik that child,ther,out ther is wher th/mesag needs 2B giv  
 & it only thru membs Ch Js Xp mesag wil B givn  
 Duz The Church Work?  
 only if its individ membs work 2shar ther faith  
 (Ilus yng man play violin & evrone clap capt one old man)  
 Is G abl 2aplaud wat we R do in th/Ch?  
 Whom R we seek 2pleas?  
 th/dors opn/clos;windows opn/clos;lites go on/off;bells ring &  
 th/cong is in motion  
 But Duz It Work?  
 Wat is it?  
 How do we ansr?  
 R we wil 2chng our inactivty if we gilty of that?  
 Invits us not 2B jus hearers of th/Word,but doers also



"Does It Work?"

Scripture: James 1:21-25

(Illustration of man makin a "thingamajig")

There is a story told of a man who worked in a plant in machine repair. His job was to fix the wheels and gears and wiring to keep the machines running. He thus had a vast knowledge of this type of thing and he liked to do that. So he was always bringing home scrapped wheels and gears and things. His next door neighbor noticed him bringing these things home and asked about it. The man replied, "I'm going to make something special with them. Time went on and the neighbor noticed the man working in his basement. After some time the man met his neighbor in the yard and asked him to come into the basement because he wanted to show him what he had made. He explained that he had taken a spare room of the basement and he had ~~xxxx~~ finished this project. He ushered the neighbor in the door and asked, "Well, what do you think of it?" The man looked at all of the gears, and wheels, and cogs, and lights and asked, "Does It Work?" "Does It Work," shouted the man, of course it works. Watch!" And with that he threw a few switches and the whole room came to life. Wheels were turning, and gears were shifting, bells were ringing, lights were going off and on, little windows and doors he had made were opening and closing. The neighbor looked at it for a time and then asked, "What is it?"

Someone has said that the church is much like this. Doors and windows are opened and closed, bells are rung, lights go off and on, "But what is it?" "Does It Work?" The answer lies in what the church is. To define it simply is to say that it is a living organism made up of many other living organisms which keep it going. Without the other living organisms, people, church is just a word, or a building, an edifice. People, is what makes the church. And the church is dependent upon those people working and being active. That is precisely what James is talking about in this Scripture for this morning.

He is talking to ~~xxx~~ each individual Christian and his call is to a life of holiness and service. In the 21st verse he says, "Therefore putting aside all filthiness and all that remains of wickedness, in humility receive the Word implanted, which is able to save your souls."

It is interesting to note that the word James uses for "Filthiness" means "filth, or dirt, which soils clothes or soils the body." And the word he uses for "putting aside," means to strip off like clothing. So he is saying, "Strip off that which soils your clothes or bodies. But the word which is used for "filthiness and wickedness" has a root meaning which is used in a medical sense. That sense means wax in the ear. So it seems that James is saying that believers should strip off, or away from themselves anything which will stop us, or make deaf their hearing. And what is the reason for this? So that, "In humility receive the Word implanted, which is able to save your souls."

The Word implanted is God's Word, the Bible, which has within it the message of salvation and the manner of living the Christian life. The word used for "implanted" is a word that means to plant within such as a seed. God's Word is implanted within us by His Holy Spirit. We are not born with a natural desire to read and digest God's Word. That hunger and thirsting after the things of God is planted within by the Holy Spirit speaking to our hearts and lives. It is when we come to the knowledge of salvation through Christ, receive Him as Lord and Savior that we begin to have a hunger and thirst for God's Word. But our humanness may make us deny this and we may delay and put off the searching of God's Word for days, weeks, and perhaps years. That is why James says that we are to strip off the filth of this world and "Receive" the implanted Word." To the question, "Does It Work?" how would you answer? It very much



depends on where your church is.

(Illustration of pastor, church sign, and sign pointing in another direction)

A minister tells of when he was young in the ministry and after getting a small congregation started, he put a nice sign on the main road ~~leading~~ one block from the church. It had an arrow pointing toward the church with the name and the invitation to attend. After a few weeks went by he decided to check on the sign and said that he was humiliated to discover that someone had pulled the sign up, turned it around and the arrow pointed to a cemetery across the road.

Where is your church? Is it dead? Or is it alive? It is only as alive as you are willing to make it.

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James tells us the solution for making a church work is simply, "But prove yourselves doers of the Word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the Word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks at his natural face in a mirror; for once he has looked at himself and gone away, he has immediately forgotten what kind of person he was," verses 22-24.

Notice James says "A man." Do you know why he uses a man as the example? Someone has said that if he wrote "A woman," the analogy wouldn't hold true. James is using the illustration of a man looking in a mirror. He sees himself as he is. He notices that maybe one ear is bigger than the other, or it is not the same ~~size~~ place on the side of his head; or, his nose may be rather large; or, he may have a wart on his chin; or one eyebrow is different than the other and so on. James uses "a man" because that someone who said if he used a woman the woman would seek to correct or cover up the mole, or wart, or whatever. But the average man will accept his face for what it is and walk away from the mirror and quickly forget that he has warts, or moles, or freckles, or whatever.

Contrast this to, "The one who looks intently at the perfect law, the law of liberty, and abides by it, not having become a forgetful hearer, but an effectual doer, this man shall be pleased in what he does," verse 25.

The contrast is this: in order for that same man to be what he should be, he has to peer intently at what he is looking at. The word "intently" means to actually stoop over to see very closely what you are looking at. The man who is seeking to work at his faith, isn't content to just see it as a mere image in a mirror quickly forgotten. No, he must look closely at it. And what is he looking closely at? "The perfect law," ~~is what James calls it.~~ "The law of liberty," is what James calls it. What is the perfect law? Or, the law of liberty? Paul answers that by saying in his letter to the Romans, chapter 8, verse 2: "For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and death."

The Perfect law is Jesus Christ. He was the perfect human being that God wanted His creation of man to be. Jesus was able to live up to fulfill every requirement that God had for man. And it is only through the shed blood of Jesus Christ that man can be set free from the bondage of sin, and the spiritual death, separation from God that sins brings with it. So through Jesus Christ there is the new law, the law of liberty, freedom from sin and its consequences. Is that a part of our lives as we live them each day? Are we aware that through Jesus Christ we are new creations, that we have been set free?

(Illustration of 5 year-old-boy proclaiming that people were forgiven)

A member of a church which uses a prayer of confession and an assurance of pardon tells that after the confession the minister announces, "In Christ's name, you are forgiven," and the congregation repeats, "In Christ's name, you are forgiven." This member tells of going

shopping in a super market with her 5 year-old-son. She was embarrassed because he was going from shopper to shopper proclaiming, "In Christ's name, you are forgiven."

Even though his mother was embarrassed, the little boy had it right. He was stating a truth. It is in Christ's name that all mankind is forgiven. But not everyone is aware of that or even cares to know it. But like that child, there, out there is where the message needs to be given. "Does the church work?" Only if its individual members work sharing their faith.

\*\*\* (Illustration of young man playing violin and everyone clapped, but one old man)

Many years ago a young couple had their first child, a boy. As the boy began to grow they noticed he had musical talent. He could play the violin. They wanted the best teacher they could get and were told there was an old Swiss maestro who used to teach but was now retired. When the maestro heard the boy play he recognized he had ability and decided to teach him. The boy was just eight-years-old at that time. For ten years his teacher worked with him almost every day. Then came the time for his debut. His parents booked Carnegie Hall. The press and all the important people came. The lights dimmed and the young man stepped on that stage and from the first note to the last he held the crowd mesmerized. When he finished the crowd rose to their feet and filled the hall with their cheers and applause. Yet the boy ran offstage crying. The stage manager yelled, "Get back out there. They love you. They are all cheering and applauding." The boy answered, "There is one who is not." The stage manager rushed out to look and then came back. He said, "OK, so one old man is not applauding. You can't worry about what one old man thinks when the rest of the world loves you." The boy replied, "But you don't understand. That old man is my teacher, my leader."

Is God able to applaud what we are doing within the church? Whom are we seeking to please?

The doors and windows open and close; lights go off and on; bells ring, and this congregation is in motion. But "Does it Work?" "What is it?" How do we answer? Are we willing to change our inactivity if we are guilty of that? God invites us not just to be hearers of the Word, but doers also.

\*\*\* (ALTERNATIVE ENDING WITH ILLUSTRATION OF MISSIONARY WHO HAD SERVED FOR OVER 40 YEARS IN AFRICA AND HIS RETURN HOME)



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\*Processional Hymn No. 385 "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"  
\*Ascription  
\*Exhortation  
\*Confession (In Unison) Eternal Father, teach us in the days of this year to discover the preciousness of time. Keep us from squandering our hours in senseless thought and useless activities. Help us through good books, clean conversation, and creative action to so number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom, and a life devoted to thy reconciling ministry in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.  
\*Kyrle  
\*Assurance of Pardon  
\*Praise: Leader - Blessed be the Lord God  
People - And blessed be His glorious name forever.  
\*Gloria Patri - page 142  
Children's Moment  
Hymn No. 35 "Near to the Heart of God"  
Call to Prayer: Pastor - The Lord be with You  
People - And with Thy Spirit  
Pastor - Let us pray.

Morning Prayer  
Giving of our Tithes and Offerings  
\*Doxology - page 382  
Anthem: "Glory to God Almighty"  
Scripture: Exodus 24: 9-18  
Sermon: "For Him: R & R"  
\*Invitational Hymn No. 2 "How Great Thou Art"  
\*Choral Benediction "Shalom to You"  
\*Benediction  
\*Postlude

The beautiful flowers on the altar have been placed by Mrs. Alma Killen and family in memory of Ralph Killen. Mr. & Mrs. Mike McDonald will greet our members and guests at the door this morning.  
Ushering today will be Alta Kradel, Lois Stokes, Donna Stewart and Alma Dally.  
Nursery will be provided today by Kelly Mangel and Anna Gonzalez.  
Van Driver for next Sunday will be Jim Gannon.  
Attendance last Sunday was 95 with 8 visitors.  
Sandy Sheppeck and Kathy Goda will be visiting the hospital this week.  
Hospitalized: *HAROLD KENNEDY*

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: IMPORTANT MEETINGS!!!

Monday - Property Committee will meet at 7 P.M. along with the women who are interested in changes that may take place in the kitchen.  
Tuesday - Activities Committee will meet at 7 P.M. We need all of you there to plan for our activities for this time of the year.  
Wednesday - Auditing of the books will begin at 2:00 P.M. Please check the schedule in the office for your appointed time.  
Thursday - Chancel Choir at 7:00 P.M. We need more voices. Music Committee meeting following choir at 8:30 P.M.

> YEARBOOK INFORMATION is due in. If you have not met with your committees and selected a chairman please do so as soon as possible.  
> NOMINATIONS for Elders and Deacons will be made this month. Mark your nomination and drop it in the offering plate. Paper is provided in the back of the pews. *2 MORE SUNS*  
> YOUTH SOUP & SANDWICH will be held on January 28th following the church service.  
Please join in the singing of the Choral Benediction at the end of the service. The words are: Shalom to you now, Shalom my friends, May God's full mercies bless you my friends, In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your Shalom, Christ be your Shalom.  
At the close of the service the invitation is extended to each worshipper to respond to God's leading for your life. This invitation gives the opportunity to accept Christ, to pray, to meditate, or to seek counseling. The Altar is open to everyone. The Pastor will assist you if you desire.



Community Bible Church - Sagamore, Pa. - January 21, 1996

PRELUDE

GREETINGS/JOYS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRAYER REQUESTS

\*HYMN

PRAYER/OFFERING

\*DOXOLOGY

PASTORAL PRAYER

HYMN

SCRIPTURE: EXODUS 24:9-18

SERMON: "FOR HIM: R & R"

ST. PAUL'S, BUTLER, 1/14/90

\*HYMN

\* EDITION

POSTLUDE

SCRIP: EX 24:9-18; SERM: "FOR HIM: R & R"

(ILUS MAID, DILIGENC OF CLEAN & =HER GLORY)

WEST CAT ASK QUES: WAT IS TH/CHIEF END OF MAN?

ANSR: TH/CHIEF END OF MAN IS 2GLORIFY G & 2ENJOY HIM 4EVER

HOW HAPEN? ANSR SIMPL, ONLY G CAN MAK POSSIBL

MUS SEEK HOW G DIZ THIS 2UNDERSTAN

SCRIP GUD EXAMPL 2ANSR QUES REGARD CHIEF END OF MAN

VSS 9-11 G REVEAL SELF SO THEY C HIM, BUT NO DY

TRANSPARENT PLATFORM=VS 10=NO UNDRST COMPLET, BUT G REVEAL SELF

THIS REVELATIN OF HIS GLORY

VSS 15-17 HERE AGIN "GLORY OF GOD", BUT WAT IS HIS GLORY???

"HIS ESSENC, TH/PERSON OF G IN WH/CAN FIND HIM, DISCOVR HIM

& IT IS HIS ESSENC IN WH/HE CAN TAK PRID, LIK MAID HER CLEANING

WHY G CHOOZ SHOW/GIV HIS GLORY? ANSR=HE IS GOD

BGIN OF LAW HE SED=I AM THE LORD YOUR GOD

THEL WHO HE IS, WE TERN HE DESIR 2B WORSH/SERVD ABUV ALL ELSE

GOD GIVS GLORY 2HIMSELF & IT IS 4HIM G DIZ EVERTH, & WHY SHUDNT HE

WE R HERE ON EARTH ONLY THRU HIS PERMISSIV WILL

SO 1ST THING KNW BOUT G IS IT 1ST OF ALL 4HIM HE GIVS HIS GLORY

FIRST OF ALL G DIZ THIS FOR=REVELATION

G WANTS EA, EVR PERSN WALK THIS EARTH 2TRULY KNO HIM

ISA 42:8=I AM TH/L, THAT IS MY NAM: I WILL NOT GIV MY GL 2ANOTHER

HE SHOWS HIS GLORY 2GIV REV OF SELF

PS 46:10=B STIL & KNO THAT I AM G

PS 100:5=KNO YE THAT THL HE IS G: IT IS HE THAT HATH MADE US, & NOT

WE OURSELVS: WE R HIS PEO & TH/SHEEP OF HIS PASTUR

EA THEZ VSS & MANY OTHERS GIV US TH/REV OF GOD

TH/ULT REV WAS JS XP & ALTHO JS FINAL REV OF G, THAT REV CANB

A PERSONL ONE IN LIF OF EVRONE & ONLY POSSIBL IF WIL 2SEEK G THRU

(ILUS R.G. LE TOURNEAU & DIRECTIN OF H SP) HIM

COINCIDENC? QUIPK OF FATE? NO, G'S REV 2HIM & HE ABL GLORIFY G

(I LE TOURNEAU GIV 90% INCOME AT HIS DEATH)

G WANT REVEAL SELF ON PERSONL BASIS 2EA US, SO MAY GLORIFY HIM WHIL

LIV HERE ON EARTH - & IT 4HIMSELF HE GIVS US THIS REV

BUT W/REV WAT DIZ G EXPEC FR/US?

VS 16=WAT C HERE IS MOSES RESPON - HE DID WAT G ASKED OF HIM

VSS 3 & 7=RESPON IS WAT G WANTS FR/THOZ RECEIV HIS REV

REV IS WAT G WIVS 4HIMSELF 2SHO HIS GLORY & RESPON WAT G WANTS

FR/BELIEVRS

WAT KIND RESPON DIZ G WANT=THAT WHICH WIL GLORIFY HIM

WAT IS TH/CHIEF END OF MAN - 2GLORIFY GOD=ONLY DUN BY LIV XPIAN

(ILUS PREACHR FR ON WAT IS A XPIAN & BOY'S RESPON) LIFE

RESPON G WANTS FR/US IS 2TEL HIM W/OUR LIVS WE R HIS

LATER PART OF CAT QUESTINS ANSR IS= AND TO ENJOY HIM FOREVER

HOW CAN ENJOY G FOREVER?

ONLY THRU PERSONL RELATSHIP W/JS XP

G ASKS US 2RESPOND 2HIS REV BY TAK JS XP AS SAV & LORD.

WAT IS A XPIAN? CAN WE ANSR=IT IS SUMONE LIK ME ???

WAT IS A XPIAN? TELL HIM W/OUR LIFE

(Ilus maid & =HFP GLORY)

Westminstr Catechism aske=WAT IS TH/CHIEF END OF MAN?

ANSR=TH/CHIEF END OF MAN IS 2GLORIFY G & 2ENJOY HIM 4EVER

VSS 9 -11

Sapphire - Translucent Blue platform

15-17

WAT IS GLORY OF G?? - His essenc, persn of G in wh/can find Him

1st Comm=I AM TH/LORD UR GOD

Glory for Revelation

Isa 42:8=I AM TH/L, THAT IS MY NAM: I WILL NOT GIV MY GLORY 2NOTHER

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(Ilus R.G. LeTourneau & H Sp direc whil asleep)

It is FOR HIM - HIMSELF - G givs Revelatin

vs 18 RESPONSE

vss 3, 7

Cat Quest=WAT CHIEF END MAN? 1st part - 2GLORIFY GOD

(Ilus WAT is a Xpian & boy's respons)

TEL HIM MAMA, TEL HIM

"For Him: R & P"  
 Scripture: Exodus 24:9-12  
 (Plus of said and "her glory")  
 Th/Ministr Cat asks quest=WAT IS TH/CHIEF END OF MAN?  
 & ANSWER=MAN'S CHIEF END IS 2GLORY G & 2LUV HIM 4EVR  
 To glorify G & to luv Him 4evr - How can that happen?  
 th/simpl ansr is that G Himself can only mak that posibl  
 but we mus seek 2C how G duz this in order 2understan  
 Our Scrip this morn is zud exampl 4answ th/ques re:zr chief end  
 of man  
 it one of many exampls how G shows self 2man & th/purpos of it  
 Mos,Aarn,sons-Ahiu,Nadab,& 70eldrs wer cal by G 2th/Mt 2  
 receiv th/Law  
 Vss 9-11=READ - G reveal Self 2them in such way,wer abl 2C Him  
 & yet didnt dy  
 We cant understan how this hann & wat form this tuk,  
 ther thoz who hav describ as G stan on platform transparent  
 Sapphire,or blue  
 Blue was color used by royty of that day  
 All this was Revelation of His Glory  
 vss 15-17=READ - here agin is th/Glory of G  
 But wat is=Th/Glory of G??  
 As simply as can put it,it is that essenc of G,that Persn of  
 G in wh/we can find Him,or discovr Him,& it is that esenc in  
 wh/He can tak prid  
 Jus as maid tuk prid in her work & cal it her Glory,so G take  
 prid in His Glory - it is G's esenc,strictly His  
 But whv duz G chooz 2giv or sho His Glory??  
 Answer=He is GOD  
 But ther mor 2it than jus that statem-in th/verv begin of th/Law  
 th 1st Comandmen Reins? AM TH/LORD UR GOD  
 wat tells who He is & we lern He desirs 2B worshipd & servd  
 & luv evrthin in els in this worl  
 G givs His Glory 4 Himself-it is For Him that G duz evrth &  
 whv shudnt He?  
 We R on this erth only thru His permisiv wil & so 1st thing  
 we kno bout G is that it is 2st of all For Him He giv His Glo  
 & th/purpos of do that is 2fold  
 it is FIRST of all 4revelatin  
 G wants Reveal Self 2mank so evrv persn who walks this erth  
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 OURSELVRS;WE P HIS BFC & TH/SHEET OF HIS FANTUR - 100:3  
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 th/Rev of G & then of cors,th/ult rev is givn thru Js Xp

altho Js was final rev of G,that revelatin is & canB a persnl 2/  
 one in th/lif of evrone  
 that only possibl wen persn wil 2seek G thru Him  
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 It is FOR HIM,4Himself that He givs His revelatin  
 but w/this revelatin wat duz G expec of us??  
 vs 12=Wat G here is Moser response - he did wat G ask of him  
 in vs 3- & in vs 7=RESPONS is wat G desirs fr/thoz who hav receiv  
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 (Ilus preachr ask quest=WAT IS A XPIAN & littl boys respons)  
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 How can we enioy G 4evr?  
 Only thru a persnl relationship w/Js Xp  
 G asks us 2respond 2 His Revelatin by tak Js Xp as our Sav & Lord  
 Wat is a Xpian?  
 Car = ansr - IT IS SUMONE LIK ME???  
 Wat is a Xpian?  
 Tell Him w/Ur lif



"For Him: R & B"

Scripture: Exodus 24:9-18

(Illustration of maid and diligence in her cleaning)

A man tells of a friend who employed a maid to ~~do~~ do the cleaning of their house. This maid was so diligent in her work that this family's house became known for being immaculately clean. The maid did this without any prompting on the part of the man and woman of that house. They never had to worry about the rooms being cleaned, furniture dusted and polished and floors swept, silver polished, and so on. Someone asked the maid why she did such a good job. She replied, "because I've got a glory." Her work was something that she took pride in. ~~She said~~ What she did and how she did it gave her a sense of satisfaction and to her, that was what she called "her glory."

The Westminster Catechism asks the question, "What is the chief end of man." And the answer is: "Man's chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever." "To glorify God, and to enjoy Him forever." How can that happen? The simple answer is, that God Himself can only make that possible. But we must seek to see how God does this in order to understand.

Our Scripture this morning is a good example ~~of God's glory~~ for answering the question regarding the chief end of man. It is one of many examples how God shows Himself to man and the purpose of it.

Moses, Aaron, his sons Abihu and Nadab, along with seventy elders were called by God to the Mount to receive the Law. We read of this in the 9th through the 11th verses, (Read this portion). God revealed Himself to them in such a way that they were able to see Him and yet not die. We cannot understand what form this took. There are those who have described it as God standing on some sort of platform of transparent sapphire, or blue. All of this was a revelation of His glory.

Then in this Scripture there is a second revelation of God as we learn from verses 15 through 17, (read these verses). Here again we read of "The Glory" of God. But what is "The Glory of God?" As simply as we can put it, it is that essence of God, that Person of God in which we can find Him, or discover Him, and it is that essence in which He can take pride. Just as the maid took pride in her cleaning and called it "her glory," so God takes pride in His Glory. But why does God choose to show or give His Glory? The answer is that He is God. But there is more to it than just that statement. In the very beginning of the Law, the first commandment is the statement, "I am the Lord your God." That tells who He is and we learn that He desires to be worshiped and served above everything else in this world. God gives His Glory for Himself. It is "For Him" that God does everything, and why shouldn't He? We are on this earth only through His permissive will. And so the first thing we know about God is that it is first of all "For Him," that He gives His Glory. And the purpose of doing that is twofold. It is first of all for "Revelation," God wants to always reveal Himself to mankind so that each and every person who walks this earth may truly know Him. Isaiah, the prophet was inspired to write, "I am the Lord, that is My name; I will not give My glory to another," Isaiah 42:8.

All that God does is to show forth His Glory; to give Revelation of Himself. He inspired the Psalmist to write of Himself: "Be still, and know that I am God," 46:10; "Know ye that the Lord He is God: it is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people and the sheep of His pasture," 100:3.

Each of these verses along with many other we could quote found throughout His Word gives us

the Revelation of God. And then of course, the ultimate Revelation is given through Jesus Christ. Although Jesus was the final Revelation of God, that Revelation is and can be a personal one in the life of everyone. That is only possible when a person is willing to seek God through Him.

(Illustration of R. G. LeTourneau and direction of Holy Spirit)

R. G. LeTourneau was a great Christian, but he wasn't always that way. He had the sub-contracting job for building the Hoover Dam, but he had underestimated the cost because he ran into solid rock and to fulfill his commitment cost him all he had and he was bankrupted. He turned to God and this turned his life around. The more he made, the more he gave to the Lord. Napoleon Hill tells of traveling with Mr. LeTourneau for 1½ years. One night, after LeTourneau had finished his lecture, they went to the airport and got into his private plane and took off. Mr. LeTourneau closed his eyes and began to pray silently, and in his prayers he fell asleep. In his sleep, LeTourneau reached into his pocket, took out a notebook and a pencil and wrote something in the book, and then put it back without opening his eyes. When they landed, Mr. Hill said to Mr. LeTourneau, "Do you remember writing in your notebook?" He said, "No," and then quickly reached into his pocket, pulled out the notebook and was shocked to see what he had written. He said, "That's the answer I've been searching for! That's the solution to the problem! The invention is now complete!" And he was able to build his huge earth-moving machines. This is how the breakthrough came to him.

There are those who would say it was a quirk of fate, or a coincidence. But was it? No, it was God's revelation to Mr. LeTourneau and he was able to glorify God through that. At the time of his death, Mr. LeTourneau was giving 90 percent of his income to the work of the Lord. God wants to reveal Himself to each of us on a personal basis so that we may glorify Him while we live here on earth. It is "For Him," for Himself that He gives His Revelation.

But with this Revelation what does God expect of us? The 18th verse of our Scripture tells us (Read this verse). What we see here is Moses' Response. He did what God asked of him. But we can also see this if we look back to the beginning of this Scripture. In the 3rd verse we read, "And all the people answered with one voice, and said, 'All the words which the Lord has spoken we will do.'"

And in the 7th verse we read, "Then he took the book of the covenant and read it in the hearing of the people; and they said, 'All that the Lord has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient.'"

Response is what God desires from those who have received His Revelation. "Revelation" ~~and~~ ~~xxxxxResponse~~ is what God gives "For Him," for Himself, to show His glory, and it is "Response" which He desires from believers. But what kind of Response ~~is~~ does God want? Although the people along with Moses declared they would obey and do what God wanted, within a short period of time they were making a golden image to worship. The Response which God wants is that which will glorify Him. The catechetical question is, "What is the chief end of man?" And the first part is "To glorify God." We can only do this by striving to live the Christian life.

(Illustration of preacher preaching on "What is a Christian" and little boy's response)

A little boy sat in church with his mother and listened to a sermon entitled, "What is a Christian?" Every time the minister asked the question, he banged his fist on the pulpit for emphasis. Each time this happened it built up tension within the boy and he finally whispered to his mother, "Mama, do you know? Do you know what a Christian is?"

"Yes, dear," she replied. "Now sit still and be quiet."

Finally, as the minister was winding up the sermon, he again thundered, "What is a Christian?" and banged especially hard on the pulpit. This time it was too much for the little boy, so he jumped up and cried out, "Tell him, Mama, tell him."

The Response God wants from us is to "Tell Him" with our lives that we are His. The latter part of the ~~catechetical question~~ answer to the catechetical question is, "To enjoy Him forever?" How can we enjoy God forever? Only through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. God asks us to ~~Respond~~ Respond to His Revelation by taking Jesus Christ as our Savior and Lord. What is a Christian? ~~xxxxxxx~~ Can we answer, "It is someone like me?" What is a Christian? Tell Him with your life!



St. Paul's United Church of Christ  
Butler, Pennsylvania  
Rev. Ralph Link, Pastor January 21, 1990  
Mr. Robert Weisenstein, Liturgist  
Mr. Dale Rice, Minister of Music  
Mr. Roland Thompson, Saxophonist  
Acolytes: Wesley Miller and Ray Gamble  
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ORDER OF WORSHIP 11:00 A.M.

Prelude  
Chiming of the Hour  
Announcements  
Congregational Greeting  
Joys  
Prayer Requests  
\*Processional Hymn No. 9 "Teach Us What We Yet May Be"  
\*Ascription  
\*Exhortation  
\*Confession (In Unison) O thou who didst cause thy star  
to shine on kings in realms afar, we pray that all the  
kingdoms of the world become the kingdom of thy Son.  
Teach us to speak the Word of the Gospel in the  
strange lands of business and science, of school and  
shop, that we may be the instruments through which  
thy will may be done. Forgive our abuse of the  
name Christian by hoarding it for ourselves and not  
sharing it in all areas of our lives. These things  
we ask in His name, Amen.  
\*Kyrie  
\*Assurance of Pardon  
\*Praise: Leader - Blessed be the Lord God  
People - And blessed be His glorious name forever.  
\*Gloria Patri - page 142  
Children's Moment  
Hymn No. 328 "Begin, My Tongue, Some Heavenly Theme"  
Call to Prayer: Pastor - The Lord be with You  
People - And with Thy Spirit  
Pastor - Let us pray.  
Morning Prayer  
Giving of our Tithes and Offerings  
\*Exology - page 382  
Anthem: "What A Friend We Have In Jesus"  
Scripture: Genesis 1  
Sermon: "For Him: Form"  
\*Invitational Hymn No. 404 "O Love That Will No Let Me  
Go"

\*Closing Chimes  
\*Benediction  
\*Postlude  
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The flowers on the altar have been placed by Vicki  
Winrader in honor of her mother and father, Mr. & Mrs.  
Robert Winrader.  
Mr. & Mrs. Bob Vincoe will greet our members and guests  
at the door this morning.  
Serving as Ushers today will be members of the Youth Group.  
Nursery will be provided today by Mrs. Margaret Emery.  
Van Driver for next Sunday will be Joe Youngblood.  
Attendance last Sunday was 106 with 12 visitors.  
Paul Rister and Donley Martin will be visiting the  
hospital this week.  
X Hospitalized: Harold Kennedy in BMH.  
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X Dates to Mark Down:  
Monday, Jan. 22nd - Property Committee and Women who  
are interested in fixing up the kitchen, please come  
at 7:00 P.M.  
Thursday at 6:15 P.M. the children and youth will  
meet for choir rehearsal.  
X YEARBOOK INFORMATION is needed this week. Plans are to  
begin its publication.  
X NOMINATIONS for Elders and Deacons may be made this month.  
Use the paper provided in the back of the pews and  
nominate someone you think would serve. Drop it in the  
offering plate.  
January 22nd - Youth Bowl-a-thon. Sign up with one of the  
youth as their sponsor.  
28th - Youth will sponsor a Soup & Sandwich lunch-  
eon in the hall following the church service.  
February 4 - Congregational Dinner/Meeting will be held  
immediately following church in the hall.  
14 - Valentine Dinner will be held in the church  
hall at 6:30 P.M. You have a choice of  
Roast Beef or Stuffed Chicken Breast. Price  
is \$9.00 per person. Sue Cheryl Martin to  
make your reservations.  
At the close of the service the invitation is extended to  
each worshipper to respond to God's leading for your  
life. This invitation gives the opportunity to accept  
Christ, to pray, to meditate, or to seek counseling.  
The Altar is open to everyone. The Pastor will assist  
you if you desire.

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1. The first step is to identify the key components of the system. This includes understanding the hardware, software, and data flows. The next step is to analyze the system's performance and identify any bottlenecks or areas for improvement. Finally, the system should be tested and validated to ensure it meets the required specifications.

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"For Him: Form"

Scripture: Genesis 1

(Thus of Bible knowl=4r & confusin)

this jus smal sampl of confusin wh/surrounds anyth Bib 2dav

A lrr part that confusin has 2do w/fac we liv very scinetif age  
& scienc prids self of get at truth of mattr & lay evrth bare  
w/ndisputbl facts

enc has not & cannot acpt Bib acnt of creatin & this has caus

lrgst area of confusin

(Exampnl of Robt Jastrow - agnostic - & quot on creatin)

Duznt that and lik at leas one of th/evolutinists is wil 2admit  
reluctntly theory of evolutin is wrong?

% it is jus that theory wh/has & is caus th/probs in socy 2day

if we Bliev theory of evolutin we hav no need 4 God,& if hav no  
need 4 God,then anyth goes & ther is no rt or wrong,& ther is  
no need 4 fear of punishment

But on th/othr hand if we vu evrth as R creatd by G,then lif taks  
on nothr dimensin & th/serch 4mean & truth Bhin that theory 2ouns  
imperativ

lst vs of Bibl reads=READ

th/word=Bein duznt signif cert def time

It is Bliev'd word is usd 4 th/tim wen G Bgan 2creat

millins,or hundrds of millins of yrs mav hav elapsd B4 G actuly  
startd 2creat

But import thing is G was ther fr/th/very 1st

How He cam in? R no one can sav,& actuly that is immaterial

Wat is mor import is that G did th/creating

word 4 Create is=HAYA

this word is usd exclusivly 4 God & nev'r aclyd 2man

it means=A Ful Miracl,& in its simples form=2cut dwn,2mak ful

G tuM wat ther was of mattr & atoms & cut them dwn,or mad them  
ful

He creatd no one knows,but we do kno it was G who did it

& no shud all mank kno it was G

vs 2A=FORMERS in Heb=TCW HCO - & it means confusin,nuth,wildnes,  
wast

VOID in Heb=WO HCO HCO - & it means 2R empty,an undisting  
ruin,a wildnes,wastlan,empty

From wat was FORMERS & VOID G creatd & He did it in His own in-  
imitabl way

vs 2B=If U hav newr versin of Bib U wil note Sp cap & this dun 2  
indict DEITY

Here it indicats th/very Being of G

we talk of G B Sp:at Fent wen Ch was born th/Sp of G manifes 2  
discips in Jeru

In ea instanc that Sp of G was His Breath

G litrly Breathd Creatin in? existenc,so all th/inivers has  
a portin of G w/in it

U cannot lk any of naturl ordr of things & not C th/handwork 2/  
of th?Creatr

th/wordl & all that in it litrly contain th/breath,or Sp of G  
vs 5-6=Then read piec by glorius piec evrth put in2 plac

& ea tim was acrtbl 2 God

th/creatin on 4th dav had 2do w/creatin vast solar svstm

do U kno wat that svstm is????

(1 : siz solar svstm fr/Wvoliffe Bibl Commentary)

This is only one smal part of vast creatin G did

th/creatin story goes on & tels of th/mak of hvns,seas,plants,

animls,fish,& ult creatin of man

aftr ea part we read G declar it as sud

end of chap tel us=Vs 31-READ

th/mean here is simlar 2us say=Gud,Bettr,Best

As creatin moves on undr G's directin it gets bettr & bettr

But why sud G go 2bothr of hav recorded?

ansr is 1st of all He want 2reveal self 2 th/only part of crea-

tin that cud respond 2that luv & it was man

onc apin mus sav G creatd FOR HIM - For Himself

this not selfish motiv but want 2shar self w/specil creatin

wh/was man

in ordr 4man 2enjoy His creatr evrth had 2B & hav propr shape

or FORM

so G creatd evrth perf in FORM 4man 2use & enjoy

Rur w/intel G givn man,man continuly usd intel wrongly 2quest how

creatin actuly cum in? existenc

it fr/this we hav th/unsndly theorys of evolutin,atheism,asmos-

ticism,etc

but G has also spok apin this & we find record in Rom 1

vs 18-20-READ

F sav G bin reveal 2mank & ther no excus anyone say=I dont kno

anyth bout G

rev of self canB seen in sun,moon,stars,trees,flows,sea

& anywher anyone lks

So ther no excus

Wen anyone lks any part natur & asks,=How did this hpn? he is

opn 2 G's rev & G can then reveal self 4thr

but if he atributs creatin 2 th/His bang theory,or Explosin,

then G is out of pictur & P add=READ vs 21-23

G wants man 2kno Him,2cum 2 Him

that why provid rev aftr revl & record them all

& we mus sav apin chief end man is 2luv G & enjoy Him 4evr

He creatd 4 & fr/Himself 2giv us FORM & ORDR insted of conf &

chaos

G wants us 2C Him & 2kno Him in evrth of lif

(Thus of teachr tel students observ unnoticed flowr)

Who C's th/unnotcd littl flowr bloom in woods in widd Springs?

perhaps no humn B, but G C's it & givs it as evidenc His luv

He reveals self arnd us evrday=Do we C Him? Do we kno Him thru

grtes rev of all? All He wants is out luv in return & He wil

then giv us mor of His luv Cum 2Him 2day & res creativ luv

## "For Him: Form"

Scripture: Genesis 1

### (Illustration of Bible Knowledge and Confusion)

A teacher in Newton High School in Massachusetts was going to teach a class on the Bible as literature and he conducted a quiz of high school ~~xx~~ juniors and seniors who were going to attend college on their Biblical knowledge. These were the answers he received:

Sodom and Gomorrah were lovers

Jezebel was Ahab's donkey

The Four Horsemen appeared on the Acropolis

The New Testament Gospels were written by Matthew, Mark, Luther and John

Eve was created from an apple

Jesus was baptized by Moses

but the answer which took the prize of misinformation was given by a young man who was academically in the top 5% of the graduating class. The question; "What was Golgotha?"

The answer: "Golgotha was the name of the giant who slew the apostle David."

This is just a small sample of the confusion which surrounds anything Biblical today. A large part of that confusion has to do with the fact that we live in a very scientific age and science prides itself on getting at the truth of the matter and laying everything bare with indisputable facts. Science has not and cannot ~~xxxx~~ accept the Biblical account of creation. This has caused the largest area of confusion. Here is what a scientist who calls himself an "agnostic" in religious matters has to say about creation as he wrote in his book "God and the Astronomers." His name is Robert Jastrow:

"A sound explanation may exist for the explosive birth of our universe, but if it does, science cannot find out what the explanation is. The scientist's pursuit of the past ends in the moment of creation. This is an exceedingly strange development, unexpected by all but the theologians. They have always accepted the word of the Bible, "In the beginning, God created the heaven and the earth." To which St. Augustine added, "Who can understand this mystery or explain it to others?" The development is unexpected because science has had such extraordinary success in tracing the chain of cause and effect backward in time .... Now we would like to pursue that inquiry further back in time, but the barrier to further progress seems insurmountable. It is not a matter of another year, another decade of work, another measurement, or another theory; at this moment it seems as though science will never be able to raise the curtain on the mystery of creation. For the scientist who ~~xxxx~~ has lived by his faith in the power of reason, the story ends like a bad dream. He has scaled the mountains of ignorance, he is about to conquer the highest peak; as he pulls himself over the final rock, he is greeted by a band of theologians who have been sitting there for centuries."

Doesn't that sound like at least one of the evolutionists ~~is~~ is willing to admit reluctantly that the theory of evolution is wrong? And it is just that theory which has and is causing the problems in our society today. If we believe the theory of evolution we have no need for God; and if we have no need for God then anything goes because there is no right or wrong, and there is no need for fear of punishment. But on the other hand, if we view everything as being created by God, then life takes on another dimension and the search for meaning and truth behind that theory becomes imperative.

The very first verse of the Bible reads, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth," Genesis 1:1.

The word "beginning" does not signify a certain definite time. It is believed that the word is used for the time when God began to create. Millions, or hundreds of millions of years may have elapsed before God actually started to create. But the important thing is that God was there from the very first. How He came into being no one can say, and actually that is

immaterial. What is more important is that God did the creating. The word for "created" is the Hebrew word "BARA". This word is used exclusively of God and can never be applied to man. It means "A full miracle," and in its simplest form, "to cut down," or, "make full." God took what there was of matter and atoms and "cut them down," or, "made them full." How He created no one knows. But we do know that it was God who did it, or we should know that God did it.

We next read, "And the earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep," verse 2A.

Formless in Hebrew is, "TOW HOO - (To Hou)" and it means confusion, nothing, wildness, waste." Void in Hebrew is, "WO BOO HOO - (Wa Bo Hou)" and it means to be empty, <sup>an undistinguishable ruin</sup>. The earth was nothing a wilderness, a wasteland, empty, and from it God created. But He did it in His own inimitable way. The end of verse 2 tells us, "And the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters," verse 2B.

If you have a newer version of the Bible, you will note that the word Spirit is capitalized. This is done to indicate Deity. Here, it indicates the very being of God. We talk of God being a Spirit. At Pentecost when the church was born, the Spirit of God was manifested to the disciples in Jerusalem. In each instance, that Spirit of God was His breath. God literally Breathed creation into existence. So all of the universe has a part or portion of God within it. You cannot look at any of the natural orders of things and not see the handiwork of the Creator. The world, and all that is in it, literally contains the Breath, or Spirit of God.

Verse 3, points out, "Then God said, 'Let there be light,' and there was light," and further, "And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. And God called the light day, and the darkness He called night. And there was evening and there was morning, one day," verses 4-5.

Then we read piece by glorious piece everything is put into place. And each time it was acceptable to God. The creation on the fourth day had to do with the creation of the vast solar system. Do you know how vast that system is?

(Illustration of the size of solar system)

From the Wycliffe Bible Commentary we read:

Men of science reveal that our galaxy contains more than 100 billion stars, and that our sun is 150 trillion miles from the center of our galaxy. Our galaxy is one of a small cluster of 19 galaxies, the nearest of which is 30 million light years from us (150 trillion miles). Our research scientists, by using powerful telescopes, have made reasonably sure that there are more than a billion galaxies. They estimate the number of stars in these galaxies as close to 100 quintillion. The candle power of one of the galaxies is equal to that of 400 million suns. As a man looks on this vast creation and compares what he sees with the inspired writer's account of its origin, his heart must be filled with awe"

This is only one small part of this vast creation which God did. The creation account goes on and tells of the making of the earth, the heavens, the seas, plants, animals, fish, and the ultimate of creation, man. After each part we read that God declared it good. The end of the chapter tells us, "And God saw all that He had made, and behold, it was very good," vs 31. The meaning here is similar to our saying, "good, better, best." As the creation went on and moved forward under God's direction it got better and better. But why would God go to the effort of having this recorded? The answer is that first of all He wanted to reveal Himself



to the only part of creation that could respond to His love and that was man. Once again we must say that God created "For Him," for Himself. Not a selfish motive, but wanting to share Himself with His special creation which was man. In order for man to enjoy His Creator, everything had to have a proper form or shape. So God created everything perfect in Form for man to use and enjoy.

But with the intelligence that God has given man, man has continually used that intelligence wrongly to question how creation actually came into existence. It is from this that we have the ungodly theories of evolution, atheism, agnosticism and so on. But God also has spoken against that and we find that recorded in Paul's letter to the Romans in chapter one.

Paul writes beginning at the 18th verse, (read verses 18-20). He is saying that God has been revealed to all mankind and there is no excuse for anyone to say "I don't know anything about God." God's revelation of Himself can be seen in the sun, the moon, the stars, trees, flowers, the sea, anywhere one looks. So there is no excuse. When a person looks at any part of nature and begins to question "how did this happen," he then is open to God's revelation and God can reveal Himself further. But if he attributed all of creation to some wild theory of a "Big bang," or "Explosion," then God is shut out of the picture and Paul adds, (read verses 21-23).

God wants man to know Him, to come to Him. That is why He provided revelation after revelation and recorded them all. When Paul wrote, "They did not honor Him," he is saying that they did not glorify God. And we must say once again that the chief end of man is to love God and glorify Him forever. He created for and from Himself, to give us "Form," and order instead of confusion and chaos. God wants us to see Him and know Him in everything of life. (Illustration of teacher telling students to observe unnoticed flower)

Who sees the unnoticed little flower blooming in the middle of the woods in the Spring? Perhaps no human being, but God sees it and gives it as evidence of His love. He reveals Himself all around us everyday. Do we see Him? Do we know Him through the greatest revelation of all? All that He wants from us is our love in return, and He will then give us more of His love. Come to Him today and rest in that creative love.





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GREETINGS/JOYS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRAYER REQUESTS

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PASTORAL PRAYER

HYMN

SCRIPTURE: JAMES 2:21-24

SERMON: FOR HIM A FRIEND"

ST. PAUL'S, BUTLER 1/28/90

\*HYMN

\*BENEDICTION

. CONCLUDE

THANK YOU

SCRIP: JAMES 2:21-24; SERM: "FOR HIM: A FRIEND"

(ILUS KNIGHT, L OR CASTL, & MAKING ENEMIES)

ANYONE CAN MAK ENMYS, TAKS SPECIL EFFORT 2MAK FRNDS  
G CALLD MAN, HIS NAM ABRAM

GENESIS 12 WE READ OF THAT CALL

1. JAMES ASKS QUESTIN

VS 22=NOT TRY SAY ABRAHAM MADR HITUS/JUSTIFYD BOUZ OB WORKS  
WAT SAY IS ABRAHAM BL'EV WAT G SAY DWN PLAST DETAIL  
BUT WHY WUD HE BL'EV IF SAC ISAAC G WUD STIL FULFIL PROM OF  
INUMRBL DESCENDS IF KIL OFF 1ST ONE???

DIFI PANSR, BUT SUMHAW ABE MUS HAV BL'EV G WUD RESURECT ISAAC  
ALSO DIFI 4US 2VISULIZ IF WE WUD DO THAT IF WE RECEIV CAL FR/G  
BUT THIS WAT ABE DID

VS 23=JAMES QUOTE HERE FR/GEN 15:6

VS 23B=HE WAS CALLED TH/FRIEND OF GOD

2OTHR TIMES IN SCRIP READ THIS - 2 CHRON 20:7; ISAIAH 41:8

term is deeper than jus frend

GRK IS=PHILOS THEO, WH/MEANS LOVER OF GOD

FAITH SO STRNG, SO DEEP LK A CLOS INTIMAT W/GOD

SAME WORD IS USED OF JS WHEN IN GOSPL ACCTS IS CALLED -----

"TH/FRIEND OF SINNRS"

SPECIL, DEEP RELATSHIP

JS LUVS THOZ WH ENMYS OF GOD JUS AS G LUVS THOZ WHO HATE HIM

THIS RELATSHIP ABE HAD W/GOD, UNIQUE, SPECIL

BUT WHY G DO THIS???

ANSR ONCE AGIN IS FOR HIMSELF IN ORDR 2SHOW HIS GLORY 2WORLD  
DID IT THRU CREATIN, THEN START DO THRU INDIVDS & ABE WAS 1ST  
G START HIS WORK THRU ABE & FR/HIM WUD CUM RACE OF PEO WHO  
WER G'S & WHO WUD GIV GLORY 2HIM AS LIV & SERV HIM

(ILUS MARK TWAIN & EVERYONE HE KNEW EXCEPT GOD)

F\*\*\* BIN RND SUMONE SEEM KNO EVERONE??

I DO THEY KNOW GOD? DO WE KNOW GOD??

CAN IT B SED OF US "WE R FRNDS OF GOD???"

CAN ONLY B SED IF WE SPEND TIME W/HIM, GET TO KNO HIM, LUV HIM  
HOW MUCH TIME DO WE SPEND TALK TO HIM, NOT IN PRAYR, BUT JUS SHO  
OUR LUV BY THINK OF HIM EACH DAY???

HE IS TH/ONE WHO WIL STAY BY OUR SIDE NO MATTR WAT CIRCUMS LIF

(ILUS SAM RAYMURN & BEING SPECIL FREND TO SOMEONE IN NEED)

HOW MUCH DB2 G MEAN TO US & R WE WIL 'DROP EVRTH 2SERV & LUV HIM

(ILUS JN GRIFFITH & LOSE SON GREG IN 1937)

G CAN MAK SAME CLAIM ON US

HAV TAKN WAT G GIVN-RITUSNES/JUSTIF/THRU JS

BUT G CAN CRY TO US=I HAV SAC MY S ~~HE~~ FOR YOU, DONT U CARE

IF DID CARE LIVS WUD R LIVD CLOSR 2HIM & CUD B SED OF US "WE

R CALLD TH/FRIENDS OF GOD

G SHOWD HIS GLORY 2ABE AS START OF FRENDSHIP W/THOZ WHO LUV

HIM HE C CONTINUES THAT SHOW OF GLORY THRU JS XP & SEEKS

THAT RELATSHIP W/US OF FRENDSHIP

GEN 12:1-3 G'S CALL TO ABRAM

VSS 1-3= CONTRARY WAT MAY BL'EV - ABRAM NOT GODLY MAN

LIV IDOLTRUS HOME

LIV IN IDOLTRUS NATIN

LIV AMONG IDOLTRUS PEOP

IT G CAL, TOL LV P'S HCUS & G WUD MAK GRT NATIN OF HIM

4=ABRAM 75 WEN DEFANT HARAN

ABRAM WELTHY MAN

HAD MOR THAN CUD POSIBL USE

YET ANSR CAL OF G, WENT 2FOREIGN PLAC,

BL'EV PROMIS MADE TO HIM, BY A GOD HE DIDNT REALY KNOW

THAT IS FAITH

BUT FAITH IS ONLY PROMPTED BY SUMTHIN THAT IS BLIEVABLE

SUMHAW ABRAM MUS HAV BIN GIVN SPECIL REVLATIN FR/GOD THAT

PROMPT PUL UP STAKS & GO STRNG COUNTRY 2LIV

REVLATIN NO RECORD IN SCRIP

STEVEN IN SERMN RECORD ACTS 7, SPKS OF THIS & TELS GOD APPEAR

2ABRAM IN MESOPOTAMIA

SPOK OF GOD REVEAL SELF & EXPEC W/REV RESPONS FR/HIS CREATIN

SPOK OF HIS CREATIN REVEAL HIS GLORY

NOW, THIS INSTANC G GOD REVEAL HIS GLORY TO A MAN

THIS REV WAS SPECIL PLAN WHERRY WUD HAV DESCENDS 2NUMRUS 2

COUNT

AND HOW THRD HIM ABRAM ALL TH/WORL WUDB BLESSD

KNOW STORY HOW ABRAM IMPATIENT 4HEIR MESS THINGS UP

BUT G IN SPITE OF ALL THIS DID BLES ABRAM & GAV SON

THEN CHANG NAME TO ABRAHAM - FATHER OF NATIONS MULTITUDES

THIS SON WAS BGIN OF DESCENDS

THEN G MAK STRNG REQES & READ IN GEN 22:1-2

ABRAHAM DID EVRTHING GOD TOLD HIM TO

VSS 9-10=ABRAHAM IN COMPLETE OBDIENC TO GOD'S REQUEST

G THEN INTRVEN & PROVID A LAMB

TH/POINT IS THAT ABE KNU THIS START OF FROM G MADE 2HIM

YET WAS PERFECTLY WILING 2SACRIFIC HIS ONLY SON

3TH IS "WHY?"

HERE IT IS THAT JAMES GIVSUS TH/ANSR IN 21st VS THIS MORN SCRIP



(Ilus knight, lord of catl & NO HAV ENMYS IN WEST  
U DO NOT)

James 2:21  
2:22  
2:23A  
2:23B

2 Chron 20:7  
Isa 41:8

Gr=PHILO THEO - Lover of God

(Ilus Mark Twain & kno evrone but G)

(Ilus Sam Rayburn & frend in trubl)

(Ilus Jn Griffith & lose son in 1937)

I SACRIFICED MY SON 4U PEOPLE!  
DONT U CARE???

For Him: A Friend"

Scripture: James 2:21-24  
 (Ilus knight, lord of castl & mak enemys)  
 Anyone can mak enemys, it takes specil effort 2mak frends  
 G call'd a man; his nam was Abram & in Gen 12 read that call  
 was 1-3-contrary 2wat may think Ab was not really man  
 t liv in idoltrus hom, idoltrus nat'n, among idoltrus peo  
 out G cal & ask 2 ly f's wom & G wud mak grt nat'n of him  
 ve 4=Ab ansr that cal & obey  
 he was very welthv man & had mor anyth than cud possibly use  
 vet ansr cal of G & went 2 foreign plac, Bliev prom made 2him by  
 a G he didnt really kno  
 that is FAITH

But faith is only promp by sumth wh/Blievbl  
 sumthw Ab mus receiv specil rev fr/G wh/promp pul staks & go  
 strng countrv 2liv based on prom  
 we no kno that rev, no record in Scrip, but Stephn in serm he  
 preach record in Acts 7 - spke of this & tel G spear 2Ab in  
 Mesopotamia  
 We hav spokn G rev self & expec that rev 2R respond 2 fr/His  
 creatin  
 We spok His Creatin rev His glori 2men  
 & now this instanc insted rev R senrl, it rev Glori 2 a man  
 2that man He rev he wud hav descends 2numrus 2mentin & thru him  
 all worl wudR bles  
 we all kno story how Ab 2cum impat & tak matt's own hands &  
 mess it up  
 But G in spit that bles Ab, giv son, & chng nam 2 ABRAHAM  
 Gen 22:1-2=G giv ord's  
 vns 9-10=Ab did all ask & G intrven provid lam  
 but pt this is Ab knu this start of prom 2him & yet perf will  
 sac only son & quest is WHY???

it mes giv ansr & tel us 2:21  
 vs 22=expl w/ansr  
 Jam no try say Bouz works part of Ab he made ritus, or just in  
 site of G  
 wat he say Ab Bliev wat G instruc 2do & he wil 2felo G's in-  
 strucs own 2las detail  
 Now why wud he Bliev if he wer 2sac Is. G wud fulfil prom 2giv  
 Ab inumrbl descends?  
 Ansr=Ab Bliev G deman sac of Is. but wud sumthw resurec IS 2  
 fulfil prom  
 it dif 4us 2nat selvs in Ab's plac & visuliz if we wud litrlly  
 R wil 2offr one our childrn if receiv cal fr/G 2do so  
 but that exac wat Ab did & Jam ad word fr/Gen 15:6-(vs 23A)  
 2ous Ab acpt by faith wat G ask of him G set or reckn Ab as R  
 ritus, or made rt in site of G & Jam addvs 23B

2offr tim Scrip read this=2 Thron 20:7; Isa 41:8 2/  
 Ab cal=Friend of G but term has much deeper mean than jus friend  
 Gr=PHILEO THEO litrlly mean=LVR OF G  
 Ab's faith so deep, so strng he lik intimat of G  
 sam word used of Js as friend of sinners & it mean specil, deep  
 relatship  
 Js luv's thoz who R enemys of G, jus as G luv's worl wh/hates Him  
 so specil relatship wh/Ab enjoy w/G was specil/unique  
 But why did G do this?  
 ansr lvs in fac, G once agin did it=For Himself in ord'r 2sho His  
 glori 2th/worl  
 He did it venrlv thru creatin, & then start do thru sum individs  
 such as Ab who was lst  
 G start work in Ab's lif & fr/him was 2cum race of peo who wer  
 G's & who wud giv glori 2Him as they liv & serv Him  
 (Ilus Mark Twain & kno evrone cent G)  
 Think how tru this of many peo  
 I bin rnd sum peo & sur U hav also who seem 2kno almos evrone  
 they meet - But do they kno G???

Do we kno G, & can it R sed of us we R Friends of G???

that can only R sed if we spen tim w/Him & get 2kno Him  
 & that can only tak plac if we wil 2surrendr tim 2 Him  
 How much tim do we spen dur busy wk comun w/G???

How oft do we turn 2our Friend in thots, rather than jus prayr &  
 talk 2Him, & luv Him 4R th/only One who stay by our sid no matt'r  
 wat circums of lif mayB???

(Ilus Sam Rayburn & his friend)  
 How much dur G mean 2us?  
 R we wil 2drop evrth that seem of mor import 2serv & folo Him???

(Ilus Jn Griffith & losine son in 1942)  
 & G can mak that sam claim upon many us  
 oh xvi, we hav takn wat He has ricn:  
 R is just, ritusnes thru Js Xp  
 but we can cry out=J sac My Son 4U peo!! Dont U care???

Bouz if we did care our livs wudB livd closr 2Him than they R  
 It cudB sed of us=We R Call'd Th/Friend of G  
 G show'd His ~~xxxxx~~ glori 2 Ab at start of a frendship w/thoa  
 who luv Him  
 He continues 2sho Glori thru Js Xp & seeks that relatship w/us  
 of frendship

## "For Him: A Friend"

Scripture: James 2:21-24

(Illustration of knight, lord of castle, and making enemies)

In medieval times there was a knight who returned to the castle at twilight. He was in a state of total disarray. His armor was dented, his helmet was falling off, his face was bloody, his horse was crippled and he was just about falling out of the saddle.

When it was announced that he had returned the lord of the castle ran out to meet his bloody warrior. "What happened to you, Sir Knight?" the lord asked

"Oh, sire, I have been laboring in your service, robbing and plundering and pillaging your enemies in the west."

"You've what," cried the lord. "I don't have any enemies in the west."

"Oh," said the knight. "You do now!"

Anyone can make enemies. It takes a special effort to make friends. God called a man. His name was Abram. In the 12th chapter ~~xx~~ of Genesis we read of that call. Moses wrote: (read verses 1 through 3). Contrary to what we may think, Abram was not a godly man. He was living in an idolatrous home, an idolatrous nation, and among an idolatrous people. But God called him and told him to leave his father's house and God would make a great nation of him. So it is that we read in the 4th verse, "So Abram went forth as God had spoken to him; and Lot went with him. Now Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran."

Abram was a very wealthy man. He had more of anything than he could possibly use. Yet he answered the call of God and went to a place that ~~was~~ was foreign to him, believing a promise made to him, by a God that he didn't really know. That is faith. But faith is only prompted by something that is believable. Somehow, Abram must have received a special revelation from God that prompted him to pull up stakes and go to a strange country to live based on a promise. We don't know what that revelation was, it is not recorded in Scripture. But Stephen in his sermon recorded in Acts 7, speaks of this, and tells that God appeared to Abram in Mesopotamia.

We have spoken of God revealing Himself and expecting with that revelation a Response from His creation. We spoke of His creation revealing His Glory. And now in this instance we see God revealing His Glory to a man. To that man He revealed a special plan whereby he would have descendants too numerous to count, and that through him all of the world would be blessed. We all know the story how Abram became impatient seeking for an heir; and how he took things into his own hands and messed the plan up. But God, in spite of that did bless Abram with a son and changed his name to Abraham. This was the beginning of his descendants, but it is then that God made a strange request of Abraham. We read of this in the 22nd chapter of Genesis in the first two verses, (read 22:1-2).

Abraham did everything as God had told him to, and we read in verses 9 & 10, (read these). God then intervened, and provided a lamb. But the point is that Abraham knew that this was the start of the promise God had made to him, and yet he was perfectly willing to sacrifice this only son. And the question is "why?" It is James who gives us the answer. He asks the question, "Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he offered up Isaac his son on the altar?" verse 21.

And then he explains with an answer, "You see that faith was working with his works, and as a result of the works, faith was perfected," verse 22.



James is not trying to say that because of works on the part of Abraham that Abraham was made righteous, or justified in the sight of God. What he is saying is that Abraham believed what God instructed him to do and that he was willing to follow God's instructions down to the last detail. Now why would he believe that if he were to sacrifice Isaac that God would still fulfill His promise to give Abraham innumerable descendants? The answer is that Abraham simply believed that God was demanding the sacrifice of Isaac, but that God would somehow resurrect Isaac to fulfill His promise. It is difficult for us to put ourselves in Abraham's place and visualize that we would literally be willing to offer up one of our children if we received a call from God to do so. But that is exactly what Abraham did. James adds the words from Genesis 15:6, "And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, 'And Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness,' verse 23A.

Because Abraham accepted by faith what God asked of him, God accounted, or reckoned Abraham as being righteous or made right in His sight. And James adds, "And he was called the friend of God." verse 23B.

Two other times in Scripture do we read of this. In 2 Chronicles 20:7, and in Isaiah 41:8, Abraham is called "A friend of God." But the term has a much deeper meaning than just a "friend." In Greek it is "PHILOS THEOS" which literally means, "Lover of God." Abraham's faith was so deep, so strong, that he was like a close intimate of God. The same word is used of Jesus where in the Gospel accounts He is called, "A friend of sinners." It means a special and deep relationship. Jesus loves those who are the enemies of God, just as God loves the world which hates Him. And so the special relationship which Abraham enjoyed with God was special and unique.

But why did God do this? The answer lies in the fact that God once again did it "For Himself" in order to show His glory to the world. He did it generally through Creation, and then He started doing it through some individuals such as Abraham who was the first. God started His work in Abraham's life and from him was to come a race of people who were God's and who would give glory to Him as they lived and served Him.

(Illustration of Mark Twain and everyone he knew)

Mark Twain once traveled to Europe and he took his little daughter with him. Everywhere he went he was greeted by people that knew him and he knew them. There were kings and queens, and princes, and prime ministers, and heads of state. Each time he met someone his daughter was duly impressed. But one night when they were all alone she asked him a very profound question. She said, "Papa, you know everyone but God don't you?"

Think how true this is of so many people. I've been around some people and I'm sure you have also who seem to know almost everyone they meet. But do they know God? Do we know God and can it be said of us, "We are friends of God?" That can only be said if we are willing to spend time with Him and get to know Him. And that can only take place if we are willing to surrender our time to Him. How much time do we spend during our busy week communing with God? How often do we turn to our "Friend" in our thoughts, rather than just in prayer ~~xxxx~~ talking to Him and loving Him for being the only One who will stay by our side no

matter what the circumstances of life are?

(Illustration of Sam Rayburn and making breakfast for a friend)

Sam Rayburn was the speaker of the House of Representatives longer than anyone else. One of his friends lost a teenage daughter and early the next morning Rayburn rapped on his door. "I just came by to see ~~if I could do anything~~ what I could do to help." The father replied, there was nothing he could do. "Well," Rayburn said, "have you had your ~~breakfast~~ ~~breakfast~~ coffee this morning?" The man replied that they had not taken time for breakfast. So Sam Rayburn went into the kitchen and proceeded to make breakfast for the family. The man came in and said, "Mr Speaker, I thought you were supposed to have breakfast at the White House with the president this morning?" "Well, I was, but I called the President and told him I had a friend who was in trouble and I couldn't come."

How much does God mean to us? Are we willing to drop everything that seems of more importance to serve Him and follow Him?

(Illustration of John Griffith and losing son in 1937)

Back in 1937 a ~~man~~ Missouri man held the job as controller of a railroad drawbridge across the Mississippi River. His name was John Griffith. One day in the summer of that year he took his eight-year-old son Greg with him. At noon, he put the bridge up to allow boats to pass while they ate their lunch sitting on the observation deck. Time passed quickly. Suddenly he was startled by the shrieking of a train whistle off in the distance. He looked at his watch and it was 1:07 which meant that the Memphis Express with four hundred passengers on board was roaring toward the raised bridge. He ran back to the control tower. Just before he threw the switch he looked down to see if there were any ships below. But what he saw caused him to freeze in his tracks. His son Greg had slipped on the observation deck and had fallen into the massive gears which operated the bridge. His left leg was caught in the cogs of the two main gears. He desperately thought of a rescue plan. But he knew it was impossible for there was the train whistle again, that much closer. He knew what he had to do. And he covered his eyes with his left arm as he threw the ~~main~~ master switch forward. The bridge just lowered in time and the train roared over the bridge. He looked down and could see the passengers in the train, reading, looking out the window, women drinking coffee in the dining car and not one of the people even looked up at the control tower, or noticed the bridge for that matter. With tears streaming down his face he cried out in heart wrenching agony - "I sacrificed my son for you people! Don't you care?" The train rushed on into the distance and no one heard the anguished cry of that father in his grief.

And God can make that same claim upon many of us. Oh sure, we have taken what He has given. Ours is justification, righteousness before God through His Son Jesus Christ. But God can cry out to us, "I sacrificed My Son for you! people! Don't you care?" Because if we did care, our lives would be lived closer to Him. It could be said of us, "We are called the friend of God." God showed His glory to Abraham as the start of a friendship with those who love Him. He continues that show of glory through Jesus Christ and seeks that relationship with us of friendship.

St. Paul's United Church of Christ  
Butler, Pennsylvania  
Rev. Ralph Link, Pastor February 4, 1960  
Mr. Dale Rice, Minister of Music  
Mr. Roland Thompson, Saxophonist  
Acolytes: Jimmy Smeaker and Nicole Morrison  
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ORDER OF WORSHIP 11:00 A.M.

Prelude  
Calling of the Hour  
Announcements  
Congregational Greeting  
Joys  
Prayer Requests  
\*Processional Hymn No. 98 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"  
\*Ascription  
\*Exhortation  
\*Confession (In Unison) Our Father, now that we have seen  
and known the manifestation of your Son and our Lord,  
we pray that it may become more evident in our lives.  
Refute the prejudice that makes us hate others;  
upset the selfishness that blinds us to the debt we  
owe our fellowman; disturb the complacency that  
keeps us from your service; and cleanse us from all  
that would offend you. Help us Lord to become  
more faithful to you in all that we do. We pray  
this in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus  
Christ. Amen.  
\*Kyrie  
\*Assurance of Pardon  
\*Prayer: Pastor - blessed be the Lord God  
People - And blessed be His glorious name forever.  
\*Gloria Patri - page 142  
Children's Moment with Bob  
Hymn No. 56 "God Will Take Care of You"  
Call to Prayer: Pastor - The Lord be with You  
People - And with Thy Spirit  
Pastor - Let us pray.  
Morning Prayer  
Giving of our Tithes and Offerings "Only Believe"  
\*Doxology - page 382  
Anthem: "With Thankful Hearts"  
Scripture: Exodus 17: 8-13  
Sermon: For Him: Promises Kept"

\*Invitational Hymn No. 180 "There Shall be Showers of  
Blessing"  
\*Closing Chimes  
\*Benediction  
\*Postlude  
+ + + + + \*Congregation Standing + + + + +  
The Beautiful flowers on the altar have been placed by  
Mrs. and Mr. David Woyanek. Mr. and Mrs. David Woyanek will greet our members and guests  
at the door this morning.  
Visiting today will be Marty Henry, John Snow, Walter  
Hallebrand and Jeff Snyder.  
Nursery will be provided today by Mrs. Cathy Shepperd.  
Van Driver for next Sunday will be Marty Henry.  
Attendance last Sunday was 132 with 13 visitors.  
Lloyd Link and Ray Isnerwood will be visiting the  
hospital this week.  
Hospitalized: ~~14~~ 14  
MEETINGS THIS WEEK:  
Monday at 7 P.M. - Benevolence Committee will meet.  
Wednesday at 7 P.M. - Council Meeting  
\*FASHION DINNER will be hosted by the Activities Committee  
on Saturday, February 10th from 4:30 to 7 P.M. We  
would like to have a few more helpers also. Please  
spread the word and bring a friend when you come. This  
is "All you can eat" Italian spaghetti. ~~HELP!~~  
VALENTINE DINNER is set for February 14th in Rehoboth Hall.  
Make your reservations with Mrs. Dorothy Martin. The  
cost is \$4.00 per person with a choice of roast Beef or  
Stuffed Chicken Breast. Deadline is February 11th. Let  
all join in an evening of fellowship and good food.  
\*Preview of material and programs will be held in  
Rehoboth Hall on February 10th at 7 P.M. All those who  
may be interested in helping our youth who is welcome to  
attend and get ideas.  
Today begins the Church answers to your requests. These  
requests will be sung during the taking up of the  
offering. This will be done on the first Sunday of the  
month. So keep your requests coming.  
At the close of the service the invitation is extended to  
each worshipper to respond to God's leading for your  
life. This invitation gives the opportunity to accept  
Christ, to pray, to meditate, or to seek counseling.  
The Altar is open to everyone. Our Pastor will assist  
you if you desire.



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"For Him: Promises Kept"

Scripture: Exodus 2:1-25

(Ilus ync famr promises girl 2fix evrth if she will marry him:  
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That girl was smart Bouz so easy mak proms-mor dif 2keep them  
 Put ther One who has made all kinds proms & has nevr missed one  
 all kno story how Mos born/raised by Phar's dattr  
 then hgw kil Egyptin,& flee & 3cum shepherdr 4 - 40yrs

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 he now rul th/aliens his grandfathr set 2crush,& sinc he knu  
 his aunt had raised Mos,A Jew who had causd her much anguish,  
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 Th/chief of th/vilag,th/chief of th/vilag,may th/dogs tear him,  
 tear him, tear him

then boys wud sing one part & girls othr & chorus went:  
 They starv us,they starv us,they beat us,they beat us  
 & then both sing 4gethr-But ther's one abuv,ther's sum one abuv.  
 I will punish them wel,who will punish them wel.

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2 awar them all tim-He no asleep or ignor ther plite  
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vs 4=Say both Lord, & God & again this indicatin of appear Js Xp<sup>2/</sup>  
Vss 5-7=Here G tel Mos of prom He had made

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G duznt need 2watch wat He says, or did sav-He nevr mak\$ proms He  
will not keep

(Ilus 2girls cp mony hav & prom of one dad 2giv mor mony)

Th exactly how G is-He promises & His promises R kept  
hwevr, ther thoz who wud say, altho G delivr pec of Is. & tuk  
in2 wat cal=Prom Land they nevr did hav land-Flo Milk & Honey  
& that is tru

but we need 2 lk Byond=Bcuz that prom is one w/many ovrtones  
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G's plans R many faceted & having lng rang outlk  
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thus G's prom was 2B sumth wh/only He cud bring bout

& wen G prom He wud send delivrer pec Is. may pt at Mos & sed  
G ment him

or cud hav lk ea king lik-Saul, Dav, Sol & thot G ment them

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th/pec Is. Bliev'd G was 2delivr fr/bondag & then provid evrth  
need & no probs again

But G has fulfil as He sed w/exceptin of final days wh/R being  
complet as U & I liv

As reveal His Glory 2 Mos it was=4 Him, 4 Himself so He cud  
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He did it 4 Himself & it was the revelatin & complet fulfilmen  
of Promises Kept

"For Him: Promises Kept"

Scripture: Exodus 2:21-25

(Illustration of young farmer and promises he will keep if she married him)

A young bachelor farmer said to this special girl, "If you will marry me I'll get all the latest farming equipment to make things easier for us, I'll put plumbing in the house, I'll get a new milking machine for you, I'll get a new washer, and drier, and dishwasher. I'll fix everything so your work will be easier."

The girl answered, "Henry, suppose you do all of those things and then ask me again."

And that girl was smart. It is so easy to make promises, but it is more difficult to keep them. But there is One who has never made a promise that He didn't keep.

We all know the story of Moses how he was born and raised by Pharaoh's daughter. And then how he had to flee for his life because he killed an Egyptian who was physically abusing a fellow Jew; and how he was a shepherd for forty years. While there he married Zipporah and she gave birth to a son. In our Scripture we read that Moses named this son "Gershom," ~~which means~~ The name which Moses gave his son gives an indication that Moses in Midian was homesick for Egypt. "Ger" means, "alien, stranger," "Shom" is related to "there." Thus, Moses is saying that he was an alien, a stranger there, it was not his real homeland.

"Now it came about in the course of those many days that the king of Egypt died. And the son of Israel sighed because of the bondage, and they cried out; and their cry for help because of their bondage rose up to God." verse 23.

The people of God had been in Egypt as bondslaves for over 400 years. They were still God's people even though they were severely oppressed. The one who would eventually lead them out of bondage had fled Egypt and had been living in Midian for 40 years. Rameses II was the Pharaoh who began the oppression. He was the father of THUCRIS the princess who rescued Moses and raised him as her son. The oppression was somewhat lessened while Moses was being raised in the royal court and this was probably due to the influence of THUCRIS. But when Moses fled THUCRIS withdrew in deep disappointment to Upper Egypt where she exercised the government ~~as~~ as a guardian of an infant nephew SETHOS, whom she now recognized as her ~~her~~ heir. Seven years after this THUCRIS died leaving her nephew Sethos to reign in Upper Egypt. When the Pharaoh died several years later, Sethos now ruled all of Egypt. Since he now ruled the aliens his grandfather Rameses II tried to crush, and since he probably knew all about the Jew his aunt had raised and who caused her such anguish, his zeal for the oppression and persecution of the Jews was that much more vigorous. In the 1800's the Egyptians were still using slave labor using many of their own people. A song surfaced which was sung by these slaves which indicates their feelings toward their masters. The words were: "The chief of the village, the chief of the village, may the dogs tear him, tear him, tear him." Then the boys would sing one part of the chorus and the girls would sing the other. The chorus went like this: They starve us, they starve us, 'They beat us, they beat us,' to which they would both sing, "But there's ~~some~~ some one above, there's some one above, who will punish them well, who will punish them well." This with perhaps a few changes may well have been the cry of the Israelites as their burdens were increased and harsher treatment was given to them because of Sethos's anger concerning Moses. The Israelites cried out, and here we read for the first time that this cry must have been a unified cry from all of

them. It was a united, unified cry of the people which rose up to God.

Moses then records, "So God heard their groaning," verse 24A. This doesn't mean that God was oblivious to their groaning before. All it is saying is that their condition was such that the time was right for God to set His plan into motion. This is also what is meant when we read what follows, "And God remembered His covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, And God saw the sons of Israel, and God took notice of them," Verses 24B-25.

God was aware of them all the time. He was not asleep or ignoring their plight. The time was now is what the Scripture is saying.

Thus it was that God provided the opportunity to appear before Moses and tell Moses of His plan. So Moses was taking care of the sheep and we read in the 2nd verse of chapter 3, (Read this verse.) The angel of the Lord we must point out was ~~an~~ a pre-incarnate appearance of Jesus. It is also interesting to note that in this passage, the "Angel of the Lord" appeared in the midst of this burning bush which is similar to the three men in the fiery furnace as told in the book of Daniel. The king looked, and instead of three men in the fire, there were four. So here God speaks to Moses from the bush and Moses answers, "Here I Am." God called, He revealed Himself again and He is looking for a response. The 4th verse also tells us, "When the Lord saw that he turned aside to look, God called to him." Notice, it uses both the names, "Lord" and "God." Again, this is an indication of an appearance of Jesus ~~Christ~~ Christ.

Then God speaks to Moses, (read verses 5-7). Here God is telling Moses of a promise He had made.

(Illustration of newly elected member of Kansas House of Representatives)

George Jelinek was elected as a member of the Kansas House of Representatives. During the campaign he had distributed handbills which ~~said~~ promised, "I will work for you." Later he said, "One farmer told me he voted for me and now he needed some help putting up alfalfa." And he said he went out and helped the farmer. "But," he said, "I'm going to have to watch what I say."

God doesn't need to watch what He says or did say. He never makes a promise that He will not keep.

(Illustration of two little girls comparing how much money they had) said to the  
Two little girls were talking about how much money they had. The one ~~said to the~~ other,  
"I have five pennies, how many do you have?" "I have ten," the other girl said. ~~Then~~  
"Let me see," the first girl said. The little girl opened her hand and the other girl  
counted the pennies and said, "You only have five." "I know," she answered, "but my  
Daddy told me he would give me five more tonight. So I have ten."

That is exactly how God is. He promises and His Promises are Kept.

However, there are those who would say that although God delivered the people of Israel and took them into what was called "The Promised Land," they never ~~did~~ have a land "Flowing with milk and honey." And that is true. But we need to look beyond. That promise was one with many overtones. For those with a narrow viewpoint it meant just the land before them which certainly didn't match that description. But God's plans have always been many faceted and having a long range outlook. When God promised a land of perfection He couldn't have meant this earth because man had caused God's perfection to be tainted with his sin. Thus, God's promise was to be something which only He could bring about. And when God promised that He



would send a deliverer, the people of Israel may have pointed at Moses and said that God meant him. Or they could have looked at each of the kings like Saul, David, and Solomon and though God meant them. But in each instance these men simply were not the promised One to set them free. But reading God's prophecies and noting how many of these were fulfilled in the life of Jesus Christ; and knowing that He died and rose from the grave, we can put all of this together and see how God has fulfilled His promise of a land flowing with milk and honey.

It is a land which God has provided in eternity for every believer. But it is also a land which will be when God creates the new heaven and the new earth.

God's plan of salvation seems too simple to too many who want to believe there must be more to it than what it is. This has been the problem of man down through all of these ages. The people of Israel believed that God was going to deliver them from bondage and then was going to provide everything they needed without any problems again. But God has fulfilled all He has said He would do with the exception of the final days which are being completed even as you and I live.

As God revealed His glory to Moses, it was "For Him," for Himself so that He could reveal the rest of His plan. It was Goethe who said: "If I were God, this world of sin and suffering would break my heart." It did break God's heart ----- on the cross. The deliverance of the people of Israel was the model which ultimately led to the cross of Jesus Christ. He did it "For Himself" and it was <sup>AND IS</sup> the revelation and complete fulfillment of "Promises Kept."

St. Paul's United Church of Christ  
Butler, Pennsylvania  
Rev. Ralph Link, Pastor February 11, 1990  
Mr. Robert Weisenstein, Liturgist  
Mr. Dale Rice, Minister of Music  
Mr. Roland Thompson, Saxophonist  
Acolytes: Nicole Morrison and Jimmy Shearer

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ORDER OF WORSHIP 11:00 A.M.

Prelude  
Chiming of the Hour  
Announcements  
Congregational Greeting  
Joys  
Prayer Requests  
\*Processional Hymn No. 21 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"  
\*Ascription  
\*Exhortation  
\*Confession (In Unison) O God, we confess to you our  
greivous sins as members of your Church. We have not  
led a life worthy of the calling; we have been over-  
protective of ourselves, and not enough concerned for  
others. We have used your Word of truth to accomplish  
our own ends, and not to fulfill your Will. We have  
been noisy when we should be silent. We have not  
obeyed your Word read and preached to us. O Father,  
Head of the Church, cleanse us and keep us accountable  
to you. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.  
\*Kyrie  
\*Assurance of Pardon  
\*Praise: Leader - Blessed be the Lord God  
People - And blessed be His glorious name forever.  
\*Gloria Patri - page 142  
Children's Moment  
Hymn No. 108 "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"  
Call to Prayer: Pastor - The Lord be with you  
People - And with Thy Spirit  
Pastor - Let us pray.  
Morning Prayer  
Giving of our Tithes and Offerings  
\*Doxology - page 182  
Anthem: "It Is No Secret"  
Scripture: Exodus 29: 42-46  
Sermon: "For Him: A Home"  
\*Invitational Hymn No. 36 "I Know Who Holds Tomorrow"

\*Choral Benediction "Shalom To You" (congregation join in)  
\*Benediction

\*Postlude

+ + + + + \*Congregation Standing + + + + +  
The beautiful flowers on the altar have been placed by  
Mr. & Mrs. George Pflugh in memory of Pam.

The arrangement of flowers has been given in memory of  
Mrs. Grace Riddle by her grandson, Dave Krebs.

Miss Vicki Winrader will greet our members and friends at  
the door this morning.

Ushering today will be Jeanne Snyder, Judy Shearer, Mid  
Diefenderfer and Helen Crawford.

Nursery will be provided today by Mrs. Dawna Rhodabarger.  
Van Driver for next Sunday will be Joe Youngblood.

Attendance last Sunday was 113 with 8 visitors.

Rick Vinroe and Art Snyder will be visiting the hospital  
this week.

Hospitalized: <sup>61-7</sup> ~~Uldene Dodds~~ in BMH also Gottlob Kradel

PROPERTY COMMITTEE will meet Tuesday evening at 7:30 P.M.  
Mary Martha Circle is still collecting Campbell's labels  
and old sheets to make bandages to be sent overseas to  
missionary work. If you have any please see members of  
the Mary Martha Circle.

Laymen's Dinner "Youth Night" will be held February 11th at  
St. John's Reformed Church, 493 Evans City Rd. Tickets  
are \$5.00 and may be purchased from Jake Harmon.

Daily Bread Booklets and the 1989 Yearbooks are in the  
Narthex for you to pick up.

WEDNESDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS AND ELDERS are having a meeting on  
Tuesday evening at 7:00 P.M. We need everyone there!!!

VALENTINE DINNER - Wednesday at 6:30 P.M. Today is the last  
day to make your reservations with Mrs. Cheryl Martin.  
Price is \$9.00 per person with a choice of Roast Beef  
or Stuffed Chicken Breast.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16th at 7:00 P.M. there will be a preview  
of all VBS material in Rehoboth Hall. We hope that we  
will see some of you out to help with VBS.

At the close of the service the invitation is extended to  
each worshipper to respond to God's leading for your  
life. This invitation gives the opportunity to accept  
Christ, to pray, to meditate, or to seek counseling.  
The Altar is open to everyone. The Pastor will assist  
you if you desire.

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PRELUDE

GREETINGS/JOYS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRAYER REQUESTS

PRAYER FROM KANSAS LEGISLATURE

LENT BEGINS NEXT WEDNESDAY FEB 21, LORD'S SUPPER NEXT SUN  
SUNDAY???

\*HYMN

PRAYER/OFFERING

\*DOXOLOGY

PASTORAL PRAYER

HYMN

SCRIPTURE: EXODUS 29:42-46

SERMON: ~~XXX~~ "FOR HIM: A HOME"

ST. PAUL'S, BUTLER - 2/11/90

\*HYMN

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*EV*  
*...MAN ...*  
*...ART*

*V. ALLEN*

*FINISH FAMILY ...*

SCRIP: EX 29:42-46; SERM: "FOR HIM: A HOME"

(ILUS FAMILY SETUP TENT & RPES FOR CAMPING - SIMPL RULE)

PRO MOV OUT EGYPT & CAMP LONG WAY  
MUS BCUM VERY ADAPT AT SETUP - BRK CAMP & MOVE  
MOSES BIN SUMON MT SINAI BY GOD FOR 2ND TIME  
GOD TEL HIM WAT HE EXPEC OF TH/PEOPL

CHAP 25 CONVERSATION GOD HAD W/MOSES - READ VSS 1-9

VS 42-TENT OF MEET NOTR TERM FOR TABERNACL

HE TELS MEET W/THEM & SPK W/THEM IN TAB  
VSS 43-44-TAB 2SERV AS MMET PLAC TWERN G & HIS PROPL

VSS 44-45-WUD KNO THRU TAB WHO THIS G WAS  
IF U CUPRENT IN NINEK READING BIBL THRU IN A YR, RECOGNIZ THIS

PORTIN OF SCRIP READ THIS PAST WEEK.

THEZ CHAPS TEL CONSTRUC OF TAB  
SUM OF IT TEDIUS READ BUT IN DETAILS CAN C EACH PART HAS  
DEF MEAN & PURPOS 4 WAT G WUD EVENTULY REVEAL

CHAP 40 TEL IN DETAIL OF MOSES ERECTING TH/FINISHD PRODUCT

TELS IN DETAIL HOW MOSES DID IT OR SAW THAT IT WAS DUN



VS 8=G RELATS 2MOSES HIS DESIR

IN HEBREW SANCTUARY MEANS:

A CONSECRATD THING OR PLACE

ESPECIALLY A PALACE OR SANCTUARY - WHETHER OF JEHOVAN OR IDOL  
OR ASTLUM

A CHAPEL, A HALLOWED PART, HOLY PLACE

G ASK HIS PEOPL CONSTRUC PLACE SO CAN DWEL W/THEM

BGIN JURNY - PILLAR OF CLOUD - PILLAR OF FIRE

NOW WANT B W/THEM MOR INITIMAT WAY WUD REVEAL SELF BETTR

SO G GIV SPECIF INSTRUC CONCERN BILD OF TABRACLE

HEBREW TABERNACLE MEANS:

A TENT

A COVERING

A RESIDENCE

A HOME

THUS GOD TEL MOSES HE DESIR HAV A HOME AMONG HIS PEOPL

G GAV INSTRUCS 4BURNT OFFR AS RED IN SCRIP

VS 42 TEL US - (READ)

8 DIF TIMES READ CHAP 40 FOR MOSES SAW TO IT SMTH WAS DUN  
SCRIP TEL US "JUS AS TH/LORD HAD COMANDED MOSES"

END VS 33-WF READ "SO MOSES FINISHED THE WORK"

THEN READ: - VSS 34-38

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TV THINGS HAPPN WEN G SANTICIFY OR DEDICAT TAB

1. SMTHIN INSID

ONE PC FUHN IN HOLY OF HLYTS - ARK OF COVENANT

SQUAR BOX - BOX WAS ARK & LID MERCY SEAT

~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

ON LID TWO GOLD ANGELS BOW 2WARD EA OTHR & AS BOW WINGS

SWEPT UPWARD & MET OVR MERCY SEAT

AT TIM OF DED G MOVES IN2 H OF HOLYS & DWELT UNDR ANGLS WINGS

TAB HAD NO WINDOWS & HI PR HAD GO IN2 H OF HOLYS 2MINSTR

NOW DID HE C??

NO FLICKRING OIL LAMP THER, JUS DARK ROOM

ABL 2C BCUZ GLORY OF G LIT ROOM W/HIS PRESENC

THINK WAT THAT EXPERIENC MUS MENT 2THAT PR

HE KNU HE IN PRESENC OF ALMITY GOD

G'S LITE TRANSFIGUR EVRTH IN TABRACL

WAT HAPPN 2BUSH WEN G SPK W/MOSES ????

WAT HAPPN WEN MOSES WENT IN 2SPK W/GOD ????

LITE TRANSFIGUR BUSH & TAB TRANSFIGUR, & FACE OF MOSES TRANSFIGUR

HIS FACE SHOWN WE R TOLD & HE RAD 2PUT VEIL ON 2COVER IT

BUTY OF TAB NOT IN INTRICAT WORK MAN CUD DO W/GOLD/TAPSTRY  
OR WOOD

EVRTN WAS TRANSFORMD BY LITE OF G'S PRESENC & THIS WAS BUTY OF  
TABRACL

BUT SMTHIN HAPPN OUTSIDE AS WELL

VSS 34-35=CLOUD ACTULY SURDU G'S GLORY BCUZ IF PEO HAD SEEN FULL

YNGTH WUD BIN CONSUM 4NO MAN CAN G G DIRECTLY & LIV

THAT WY THIK VEIL REQUIR IN TAB - SUBDU COMPLET LITE OF GOD

LATR SOL BULD BUTYFUL MAGNIF TEMPL TO GOD - VEIL ON TEMPL

G'S GLORY TRANSFER 2TEMPL FR/TABRACL

G REVEAL 2PROPH EZEK WAT HAD TAKN PLAC DAN THRU THE YEARS

TOLD DIG HOLE IN TEMPL WALL - DID SO & HOLE WAS ON WALL THAT

ENTR HOLY OF HOLIES & G SHO DESECRATIN WH/TAKN PLACE THER

20 MEN EA W/CENSR BURN INCENS FALS G'S

NORTHERN ENTRANC TEMPL GRP WOMN WEEP 4TAMMUZ BABYLONIAN GODDESS

25 MEN W/BAKS TO TH/TEMPL WORSHIP SUN GOD

4THIS G WAS 2TAK HIS GLORY FR/HIS MOUS & HIS PEOPLE

EZEK 11:22-23=THEN THE CHERUBIM LIFTD UP THER WINGS W/TH WHEELS

BSID THEM, & TH/GLORY OF TH/G OF ISR HOVRD OVR THEM. AND THE

GLORY OF TH/LORD WENT UP FR/TH MIDST OF TH/CITY, & STUD OVR THE

MNTN WH/IS EAST OF THE CITY

NOW WAT IS EZEKIEL SAYING - TURN HAGGAI 2

EZEKIEL IS SAY GLORY OF G WENT OUT THRU EAST GATE OF TEMPL  
IN JER

IT THRU EAST GATE PEO WENT INTO KIDRON VALLY & MTN TALK BOUT  
IS MT OF OLIVES - THEZ PROMINENT IN ERTHLY MINSTRY JS  
G'S GLORY MOVRD OVR THAT MT - MT OF OLIVES & THEN TAKN AWAY  
G'S GLORY DISAPPEAR ENTIRLY FR/ISRAEL

THEN THEY WENT INTO BABYLONIAN CAPTIVT FOR 70 YEARS  
WE THEY RETURN READ OF REBILD TEMPL,BUT NO READ RETURN OF GLORY  
OF GOD TO TH/TEMPL

HAGGAI PROPH WROT IN CHAP 2 HIS PROPHECY VERSES 4-9 - READ

VS 7=DESR OF ALL NATING IS TH/PROMISD MESSIAH  
WAT G IS SAY IS ONE DAY HIS GLORY WILB REVEAL AGIN IN THAT NXX  
NATION

NOT IN A BUSH,NOR IN TRANSFIGUR MAN LIK MOSES,NOT A TABERNACL,  
NOR IN A TEMPL, BUT IN A PERSON  
THAT PERSON HAS APPEAR ONCE TO TH/WORLD,BUT ULTIMATLY IN HISTRY  
HE WIL APPEAR COMPLETELY & FULLY PALL MANK AT TIME OF G'S CHOOZIN

(ILUS WIVES WAIT 4HUSBANDS CUM HOM FR/FISH AT SEA)

THAT IS PT WE R AT RITE NOW

TH/WORL WAITD AS G REVEAL SELF THRU TAB,THRU MEN,THR TEMPL &  
THRU JS XP

BUT HE TUK HIS GLORY AWAY FR/WORL & WE CAN ONLY HAV THAT GLORY  
AGIN THRU JS XP

BUT HIS PROMIS IS THAT ONF DAY HE WIL RETURN 2REVEAL HIS GLORY  
4ALL WORL 2C - WE R 2NOT ONLY B WAITING WE R 2B WATCHING 4APPEAR

G HAS DUN ALL THIS FOR HIMSELF SO HE WITE TABERNACL,OR HAV A

HOME W/US DUZ HE HAV A HOME IN UR HART??

IS NOT MAKE ROOM FOR HIM TODAY

(Ilus famly setup camp)

BT HAV ONY 1 MFL PULS..WHEN WE GET 2C TH/CAMPGRND,  
HAGGAI TOLD US TH/BASHAGOM UNWIL TH/CAMP IS SETUP  
BY 28:1-9

VP 6

Se: Jary=4 CONSECRATE PLAC/THING:

ESSENTIALLY A RESIDENCE OR SANCTUARY WHETHER OF  
JERUSALEM OR ~~ERENE~~ IERON  
AGYLM/SHADEN,HALLOW PLAC,HOLY PLAC

TABERNACLE:

A TENT

COVERING  
RESIDENCE  
HOME

vs 7-Desir of All Nations - MESSIAH

(Thus wives who wer watching)

I HAV BEN WAITING FOR YOU

YES, BUT TH/OTHER MEN'S WIVE WER WATCHING 4THEM

VJ 4-7-1966/ 2

What 45 tel detail 10s erect finish produc  
Primes:UN AG 19/1 447 CHANSEN 50,50

vs 22-22

2things happ wen G sanctfy/dedicat

INSIDE:

1k of Rev

Box:4PK

Lid:MERCY SEAT

2gold angels & G dwell+ undr ther wings

OUTSIDE:

vs 44-35

Ezek 11:22-23 saw 70men censors burn incens 2fals god  
25 men baka 2stern worship sun god  
womn weep 4 Tammuz Baby goddeess

Ezek 11:22-23

G's Gl rv disapear

70Yrs Baby cart-vty-return,rebild,but no Glory

Haggai 2:4-9

vs 7-Desir of Nations



"For Him: A Home"

Scripture: Exodus 25:1-46

(Plus family altar camp in record time)

Th/peo Is. had mov'd out Egypt movin thru wildrnes & camp along w/ way

they prob'ly ver adeq at sebur camp & then brk camp & mov on  
Mos bin sumon 2M. Sinai 2nd tim by G, G spok 2him tel him  
wat He expec of peo

Ex 25:1-9=convreatin w/G

G relate 2 Moses=Vn 8-READ

in Heb word=SANCTUARY=consecrated thing/place, especly a palace  
or sanctuary wthtr of Jehovah or idols, or avilum; chapel; hallowd  
plac; holy place

G ask His peo construc plac so He cud dwell w/them

ken they 1st 38an wildrnes jurny G was w/them as evidenced in  
pillr of cloud & th/pillr of fire

Now, He want 2B w/them in way wh/wud reveal Him 2them much bettr

So G giv Mos specif instructs concern bld of this Tabnacl

Heb word 4-Tabnacl= tent, covering, residenc, home

thus G was tel Mos He desir 2hav a HOME among His peo

G gav instructs 4burnt offer & it in 42nd vs our scrip we read=REA

th/rent of meeting is jus nothr term 4-Tabnacl

G tels of meet w/them & spk w/them in Tabnacl

Then G tels them=READ Vn 43-44

th/Tab was 2furnish/serv th/function of B meet plac tween G-peo

G sed this as read=Vn 45-46=READ

They wud kno thru this Tab who G was

Nex chaps Ex tel of constructin of Tab, & if U & curren in Ur  
read thru of Bib 4 yr, U wil recal jus this pas wk U red of the  
constructin of Tab

Sum of it tedious read, but in this details U can G ea part had  
d 4 mean & purpor wat G wud reveal eventually

40 Chap Ex 41 us in detail of Mos erect th/finish produc

it tel detail how Mos did it or saw that it was dun

8di' times read in this chap=Vn 45 AS TH/LORD HAD COMANDED MOSES

evrth was dun as G wantd it dun

end Vn 74=READ thru vs 58

ther 2 2thing wh/happ wen G sanctifyd or dedicatd Tab

1st=sunth napp insid

ther was ~~xxxxxx~~ one pc furn in th/Holy of Holies

that was=TH/ARX OR TH/COVENANT - it squar box

th/tox was TH/ARK & th/1id was TH/MEROV READ

on th/1id wer 2gold anels in bow positin & as bowd ther wings

swep upward & met ovr th/MEROV READ

at th/tim of th/dedicatin G movd in 2 th/Holy of Holys & dwell ~~xxx~~

undr th/angel wings

th/Tab had no windows & th/Hi Pries had 2go in 2 th/Holy of Holys

2inistr

How did he G? Ther was no flickrin 4il lamp in ther, jus a

dark room

But He had 2B 2sur th/Glory of His/Lord lit that room w/His 2/ presence

Think wat that exper mus hav went 2th/pries who entr that H Plac  
he knu he was in th/crescenc of Alcity G

G's lite transf'ard evrth in th/Tab

wat happ 2th/bush wen G spok 2Mos? wat happ 2Mos wen spok w/G?

1' lite transfigur'd th/bush & it transfigur'd th/face of Mos

2' outy of th/Tab was not in its intricat work that man cud

produc w/tanescrv & gold & wood

evrth was transform'd by th/lite of G's presenc & ther was th  
outy of th/Tab

But sunth happ outrid as wel=Vn 24-25

th/Cloud actualy shaduw'd G's glory, bcuz if peo had seen ful straz

they wud hav bin consum'd who man can G directly & liv

that is why thik veil was requird in Tab's Templ

it serv'd as means 2shun th/compl lite of G

Latr, Mol built butiful/barnif Temp 2-3 & G's glory was transfer'd

2that Temp jus as it had bin in th/Tab

But 2 reveal 2 Ezek wat had happ'dn thru yrs & at one pt was tel

2dis hole in Templ wal

He dic 2 2 holwas on th/wal of th/Holy of Holys

G showd him th/desecratin wh/takn plac ther & he saw 20men

ea w/censer burn incens 2 fals gods

at th/northern entranc 2 th/Templ was a grp of wmn weep 4-Tarnuz

th/Babylonian goddess; he also saw 25 men w/baks 2 Templ worship

sun god

4thim, G had 2tak His glory fr/His house

Ezek 11:22-23=Ezek is say th/Glory of G went thru 2 pat of Templ

in Jeru

it thru 2 pat peo went in 2 Kidron vally & Mo he ta k bout is Mt

of Olives

G's glory hovrd ovr that mt & then was takn away, disappear en-

t 4ly fr/Israel

it then Is. went in 2 Babylonian captivity 4-70yrs

wen they return rebil' templ, but no read G's glory return

2aggrai wrote chap 24-9-9-READ

in vs 24=alth of Nations is bettr read as=Th/Desir of all Nations

as King James rendr it

this=Desir of All Nations is th/promise Messiah

war G is say is that one day, His glory wld reveald agin in

that antin, not in a bush, nor in a mere kunn lik Mos, not in a

Tab, nor a templ, but in a person

that persn appear'd once in th/worl, but ultmly in histry He will

appear completly & fulv 2all mank at tim of G's choozing

(Plus wifes who wer=4-70yrs)

that at n' we 2rt now-th/worl waitd as G reveald Self thru Tab,

thru men, thru Templ & thru Jon Js Ap

But He takn His glory away fr/worl & it only thru Js Ap we can

hav that Glory fr/G

His prom is that One day He wil return 2reveal His Glory 4all

## "For Him: A Home"

Scripture: Exodus 29:42-46

(Illustration of family setting up camp in record time)

A family station wagon loaded to the hilt, pulled into the campground and parked on the only remaining campsite. The car came to a stop and six children jumped out and immediately began to unload the car and pitch the tent. When the tent was set up, the three boys ran off to gather firewood and the three girls set up the camp stove and the cooking utensils. In no time flat, they had everything set up with a fire going, and all prepared for their stay there. A nearby camper had watched all of this with great interest and he marveled at the organized system the parents must have worked out with the children. He spoke to the father and said, "That was a super display of teamwork." The father replied, "Well, we do have a special system. We have just traveled 160 miles from our home and we just have one simple rule, when we get here..... nobody goes to the bathroom until camp is set up."

The people of Israel had moved out of Egypt moving through the wilderness and camping along the way. They had probably become very adept at setting up camp and then breaking camp to move on. When Moses had been summoned to Mt. Sinai the second time by God, God spoke to him telling him what He expected of the people. We read in the 25th chapter of Exodus this conversation God had with Moses. Beginning at the first verse we read, (read verses 1-9). God relates to Moses, "And let them construct a sanctuary for Me, that I may dwell among them," verse 8.

In Hebrew the word sanctuary means, "a consecrated thing or place, especially a palace or sanctuary (whether of Jehovah or idols), or asylum; a chapel, a hallowed part, holy place." God is asking that His people construct a place so He can dwell with them. When they first began their wilderness journey, God was with them as evidenced in the ~~firm~~ pillar of cloud and the pillar of fire. Now, He wanted to be with them in a way which would reveal Him to them much better. So God gave Moses specific instructions concerning the building of this Tabernacle. The Hebrew word for Tabernacle means, "A tent, a covering, a residence, a home." Thus, God was telling Moses that He desired to have "A Home," among His people.

God gave the instructions for the burnt offering and it is in the 42 verse of our Scripture that we read, "It shall be a continual offering throughout your generations at the doorway of the tent of meeting before the Lord, where I will meet with you, to speak to you there."

"The tent of meeting" is just another term for Tabernacle. God tells of meeting with them and speaking with them in the Tabernacle. Then God tells them, "And I will meet with the sons of Israel, and it shall be consecrated by My glory. And I will consecrate the tent of meeting and the altar; I will also consecrate Aaron and his sons to minister as priests to Me. verses 43-44.

The Tabernacle was to serve the function of being a meeting place between God and His people.

God said this as we read, "And I will dwell among the sons of Israel and will be their God.

And they shall know that I am the Lord their God who brought them out of the land of Egypt, that I might dwell among them; I am the Lord their God," verses 45-46.

They would know through this Tabernacle who God was.

The next chapters of Exodus tell of the construction of the Tabernacle and if you are current in your reading through of the Bible for the year, you will recall that just this past week you read of the construction of the Tabernacle. Some of it is tedious reading, but in those details you can see that each part had a definite meaning and purpose for what God would eventually reveal.

The 40th chapter of Exodus tells us in detail of Moses erecting the finished product. It tells in detail how Moses did it, or saw that it was done. Eight different times we read in the 40th chapter how Moses saw to it that something was done and Scripture tells us, "Just as the Lord had commanded Moses." Everything was done as God wanted it done. At the end of the 33rd verse we read, "Thus Moses finished the work. Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting because the cloud had settled on it, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle, ~~xxxxxxx33x33x~~ And throughout all their journeys whenever the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the sons of Israel would set out; but if the cloud was not taken up, then they did not set out until the day when it was taken up. For throughout all their journeys, the cloud of the Lord was on the tabernacle by day, and there was fire in it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel," verses 33B-38.

There are two things which happened when God sanctified, or dedicated the tabernacle.

First, something happened inside. There was one piece of furniture in the ~~Holy of Holies~~ Holy of Holies. That was the Ark of the Covenant. It was a square box. The box was the Ark, and the lid was the Mercy Seat. On the lid were two gold angels in a bowing position and as they bowed their wings swept upward and met over the Mercy Seat. At the time of the dedication, God moved into the Holy of Holies and dwelt under the angel's wings. The tabernacle had no windows and the high priest had to go into the Holy of Holies to minister. How did he see? There was no flickering oil lamp in there, just a dark room. But He was able to see because the Glory of God lit that room with His presence. Think of what that experience must have meant to the priest who entered that Holy Place. He knew that he was in the presence of God. God's light transfigured everything in the tabernacle. What happened to the bush when God spoke to Moses? What happened to Moses when he went in to speak with God? The light transfigured the bush, and it transfigured the face of Moses. The beauty of the tabernacle was not in the intricate work that man could produce with tapestry and gold, or wood. Everything was transformed by the light of God's presence and there was the beauty of the tabernacle.

But something also happened to the outside as well. Verses 34 and 35 tell us, (Read these). The cloud actually subdued God's glory because if the people had seen it full strength, they would have been consumed, for no man could see God directly and live. That is why a thick veil was required in the tabernacle. It served as a means to subdue the complete light of God. Later, Solomon built a beautiful and magnificent temple to God. God's glory <sup>was transferred</sup> ~~xxxx~~ to that temple just as it had been in the tabernacle. But ~~xxxxxxx~~ God revealed to Ezekiel the prophet what had taken place down through the years. At one point he was told to dig a hole in the temple wall. He did so and that hole in the wall was on the wall that entered the Holy of Holies. God showed him the desecration which had taken place in there. There were 70 ~~priest~~ men, each with a censor burning incense to false gods. At the northern entrance to the temple was a group of women weeping for Tammuz the Babylonian goddess; he also saw 25 men with their backs to the temple worshipping the sun god. For this, God was to take His glory from His house. Ezekiel tells in the 11th chapter of his prophecy in verses 22 and 23, "Then the cherubim lifted up their wings with the wheels beside them, and the glory of the God of Israel ~~xxxx~~ hovered over them.. And the glory of the Lord went up from the midst of the city, and stood over the mountain which is east of the city."



Ezekiel is saying that the glory of God went out through the East gate of the temple in Jerusalem. It was through the East Gate that people went into the Kidron Valley, and the mountain he is talking about is the Mount of Olives. God's glory hovered over that mountain, and then was taken away, disappearing entirely from Israel. It was then that Israel went into Babylonian captivity for 70 years. When they returned they rebuilt the temple but we do not read of the glory of God returning to that temple. Haggai the prophet then wrote in the 2nd chapter of his prophecy, in verses 4-9. In verse 7, that phrase, "Wealth of all nations," is better read as, "The Desire of all nations," as the King James renders it. This "Desire of all nations" is the promised Messiah. What God is saying is that one day, His glory will be revealed again in that nation, ~~in~~ not in a bush, nor in a ~~transfigured~~ transfigured man like Moses, not a tabernacle, nor in a temple, but in a person.

That person has appeared once to the world, but ultimately in history He will appear completely and fully to all mankind at a time of God's choosing.

(Illustration of wives waiting for their husbands coming home from fishing at sea)

After days at sea, the skipper of a Scotch fishing boat was bringing his boat toward shore. As the boat neared the shore the men could see people standing on the dock and they knew those people were the loved ones. The skipper looking through his glass, identified some of the women, saying, "I see Tom's Mary, Bill's Margaret, and so on." One man was very anxious because his wife was not there. He left the boat with a heavy heart and began to trudge up the hill to his home. There, ahead of him he saw a light in his cottage. As he opened the door, his wife ran to greet him, saying, "I have been waiting for you!" He replied, "Yes, but the other men's wives were watching for them."

That is the point we are at right now. The world waited as God revealed Himself through His Tabernacle, through men, through His temple, and through ~~His~~ Jesus Christ. But He has taken His glory away from the world and it is only through Jesus Christ that we can have that glory from God. But His promise is that He will one day return to reveal His glory for all the world to see. We are to be not only waiting, but to be watching for His coming. God has done all of this "For Him," For Himself, so that He might Tabernacle, ~~of~~ have ~~His~~ "Home" with us. Does He have a home in your heart? If not, make room for Him today!



St. Paul's United Church of Christ  
Butler, Pennsylvania  
Rev. Ralph Link, Pastor February 18, 1990  
Mr. Dale Rice, Minister of Music  
Mr. Roland Thompson, Saxophonist  
Acolytes: Meron Hewis and Toni Jo Patsy

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ORDER OF WORSHIP 11:00 A.M.

Prelude

Chiming of the Hour

Announcements

Congregational Greeting

Joys

Prayer Requests

\*Processional Hymn No. 349 "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

\*Ascription

\*Exhortation

\*Confession (in Unison) O Thou, whose tender mercies are over all thy works, humbly and sorrowfully we pray for thy forgiveness. For every weakening and defiling thought to which our minds have given harbor; for every word spoken nastily or in dark passion; for every failure in self-control; for every opportunity we have lost to do good; and for loitering feet and procrastinating wills, grant that as the days go by, thy Spirit may more and more rule in our hearts giving us victory over these and all other sinful ways. This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

\*Kyrle

\*Assurance of Pardon

\*Praise: Pastor - Blessed be the Lord God

People - And blessed be His glorious name forever.

\*Gloria Patri - page 142

Children's Moment

Hymn No. 479 "Fill Thou My Life, O Lord My God"

Call to Prayer: Pastor - The Lord be with You

People - And with Thy Spirit

Pastor - Let us pray.

Morning Prayer

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

\*Doxology - page 382

Anthem: "I Believe In A Hill Called Mount Calvary"

(organ and saxophone)

Scripture: Hebrews 1: 1-4

Sermon: "For Him: A Son"

\*Invitational Hymn No. 345 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

\*Closing Chimes

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

\* \* \* \* \* \*Congregation Standing \* \* \* \* \*

The beautiful flowers on the altar have been placed by

Mr. & Mrs. Bob Weisenstein in memory of Loved Ones.

Mrs. Linda Patsy will greet our members and guests at the door this morning.

Ushering today will be done by some of the Youth Group.

Nursery will be provided today by Mrs. Carol Pedersen.

Van Driver for next Sunday will be Dick Mangel.

Attendance last Sunday was 120 with 9 visitors.

Bob Weisenstein and Daryl Merrison will be visiting the hospital this week.

Hospitalized: Gottlob Kradel and Esther Fair in BMH.

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Guess what some of you missed on Wednesday evening here at the church. We won't tell, but maybe you can plan to be with us next year for the Valentine Dinner. Thanks to Cheryl & Donley Martin for a job well done.

> We need some help with the Sunday School program. If you would like to be a part of this, please see the office or Mrs. Marge Smiley. We need teachers and helpers. Let's do this "for the children." *VE & Alice*

Remember to save your Campbells labels as well as old sheet or fabric that you don't need. The Mary Martha Circle is making bandages for the missionaries overseas. Get them to Ione Pflugh.

> Daily Bread booklets and the new Yearbooks are in the Narthex for you to pick up.

> Men....It is time for you to respond to the office if you would be going to the Moody Bible Institute Pastor's Conference. We would like to send in the reservations by next week. Please let us know!!!

At the close of the service the invitation is extended to each worshipper to respond to God's leading for your life. This invitation gives the opportunity to accept Christ, to pray, to meditate, or to seek counseling. The Altar is open to everyone. The Pastor will assist you if you desire.



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Seven Excelencies as Jn MacArthur calls them

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Isa 42:8-1 AM "I/ICM, THAT I MY NAME: I WIL NOT GIV MY GLORY 2 ANOTHER

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**Figure 6** | The effect of the concentration of the solution on the adsorption capacity of the adsorbent. The adsorption capacity of the adsorbent increases with increasing the concentration of the solution.

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**Figure 1**

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Scripture; Hebrews 1:1-3  
 G has always wanted to reveal His Son  
 Th/author of Hebs 1:1-3 in letter w/overl name-GOD  
 this fold by come w/mean we 2 spous ther  
 that namd make us stop/think when it is we read bout  
 ne then go one 2writ=Heb 1:1-3 rest vs 1  
 G look thru creatin & reveal self thru it;  
 He look 2-Ab & Ab saw His glory;  
 He reveal self in burn bush 2-Mos 2 thru that bush reveal His  
 glory 2-Mos  
 Then, reveal glory thru "an & later thru templ-sc wat authr say  
 here is absolutely corec  
 But go on 2nd G did this thru progs in many portind, many ways  
 listn how He did this (Iltus Jamison/Fawcett/Brown crm on Hebs)  
 as thez men inspir by G 2C seprat rev of final glory 2B reveal  
 by G  
 Wen authr writ=IN THEE LAST DAYS HAD SPECKN PM IN HIS SON=He simply  
 say fr/tm wen wrot this up 2presen Him & until GN age ends w/2nd  
 return of Js Xp, G has spokn 2all blievrs w/prof of Js as G's Son  
 Then writr list 7things bout this son  
 Jn MacArthur in his commentary on Hebs call them=FOUR PRINCIPLES  
 1-vs 2Macarthur - this logic sinc Js declared-S of G  
 law of heirship/inheritanc is 4elude son or lsteorn 2B heir  
 sinc Js was bothstan reason He is heir 2kingdm of G  
 All Fathr has is His  
 2-vs 2C-made world - this wat Apostl Jn say vs 3 chap 1-REAF  
 Js was at very begin of creatin w/4 mak & form all of creatin  
 Ther nevr was 'in wen Js was not in existenc & His cum in? worl  
 in flesh, wh/celbrat as Incarnatin/Vmas, was nerly humn manifestn  
 of G reveal His gl w/ completely 2man  
 3-vs 3A-radiance of G's rv - Here hav wat cudB possibly conceiv as  
 prob or difficulty  
 as wk red fr/azek & acct how glory of G was takn fr/templ &  
 th/peo of Is.  
 that glory was nevr seen agin & Hag wrot glory wud lday return  
 4th proph 2fold=1st short rang proph, then lng rang proph  
 this mean he simply G sumth no completely undrstan, vet knu G wud  
 fulfil it sumtir  
 neithr did he undrstan his proph noB completely fulfil at ltim  
 All this in hands G & ltk all prophs thir wher he lft it  
 So it is we read this 2cor=HE IS TH/RADIANCE OF G'S GLORY  
 G here wher dif arise Bcz in Isa 42:8 - REAL  
 did G mak mistak? Did He say that & later chng His mind? Or did  
 He say one thing & do another?  
 G sed exactly wat He ment; He no say it here & then say/do sumth  
 later on  
 Wen He sed=He is th/LORD, He say I AM ALMIGHTY & this means GCF  
 He emphasiz He wil not shar Glory w/anyone els & that mean He  
 no rais anyone 2 His level

He say ther is ONLY ONE G, that is HIMSELF 2/  
 G was representation: authr opel this out bout Js - vs 3B  
 Js is=Radiance His glory on skin 4th G's glory in? ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ lif  
 of man agin  
 this Js, this radiance of G's glory is=Th/exac repr G's natur  
 who was JSC Guest bin asked ovr & ovr agin  
 (not by G's LIVES fr/Here Xpianity)  
 G was in th/flesh  
 this tim G no send jus nothr man lik Ab/Mos 2reveal His glory  
 nor did reveal self thru specil sign lik burn bush; nor was He  
 seen in dwel plac lik Tab/Templ  
 this tim He cam in humn form=but He cam persnly  
 & go bak 2word=RADIANT, in Grk has mean wh/character  
 Character wat mak persn wat he is & in Grk character mean 2things  
 1st-it is SEAL, & 2nd-it is mark/impressin of th/seal  
 wen seal pres in? hot wax it lft impressin wen hardn th/sign of  
 th seal cudB plainly seen  
 Js is th/impressin of th/seal=GOD  
 Wen U ltk at Him=th/impressin, U C th/seal=GOD, so Js is G in flesh  
 says 2C=Unhold all thin s - authr say Js was in on creatin, but He  
 it is who holds it all 2gether  
 (quot Jn MacArthur fr/commentary on Hebs)  
 it is Js Xp who sustain & monitors all this & maintains th/balance  
 necessary 4our survivl  
 4-vs 4A-Purificatin of sins - writr nerly say sacrif self 2purify  
 tank fr/sin  
 did this by deth of Self on cross  
 this sac requir by G 2justify man in His site  
 G Himself did that-it was For Him that He cam in2 worl 2B  
 recogniz as=4 Son  
 w/this identv, man cud approach G w/out fear of deth Bcz 2lk at G  
 ment deth  
 G, self made t is possibl Bcz His luv  
 5-vs 5A-Sat dwn - in Tab/Templ pries cud no sit dwn Bcz no seat  
 his job was 2sac, sac, sac - ovr & ovr agin he sac  
 but Js as our priest sac once & then sat dwn  
 on cross exclaimd=IT IS FINISHED & wen He ascend in2 hyn-sat dwn  
 ther He is at Rt hand of F, or th/seal of authroty & power  
 Makno authr say=I ASKE U HOW MUCH HE LUVS ME, HE WATCHED OUT HIS  
 BROT & SIB & THIS MUCH ---- & DIED  
 G reveald glory once apin thru Js 2p 2mark  
 we kno that specil luv only thru Him  
 He invites ea us cum 2Him Bcz that was His specil gift 2 th/wor  
 it was=FCB HIM: A SON  
 & it was Buz as we jus celbrat few mths aro=Unto us a Son Given  
 He die in 4us, & He personally



## "For Him: A Son"

Scripture: Hebrews 1:1-4

God has always wanted to reveal Himself to mankind. The author of Hebrews begins his letter with the simple name "God." This is followed by a comma which means we are to pause there. That name "God" makes us stop and think of whom it is we are reading about. He then goes on to write, "After He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways," verse 1.

God spoke through Creation and revealed Himself through it; He spoke to Abraham and Abraham saw His Glory; He revealed Himself in the burning bush to Moses; and through that bush He revealed His Glory to Moses. Then, He revealed His glory through the Tabernacle and later in the temple. So what the author is saying~~ix~~ here is absolutely correct. But he goes on to say that God did ~~this~~ through the "prophets in many portions and many ways." Listen how He did this. The Biblical Commentators Jamieson, Fausett and Brown putlined in their commentary on Hebrews: To Noah, the quarter of the world to which Messiah should belong was revealed; to Abraham the nation; to Jacob the tribe; to David and Isaiah the family; to Micah the town; to Daniel, the exact time; To Malachi, the coming of the forerunner; through Jonah, His burial and resurrection, etc."

Each of these men was inspired by God to see a separate revelation of the final Glory to be revealed by God. When the author writes, "In these last days has spoken to us in His Son," he is simply saying that ~~from~~ the time when he wrote that up to this present time and until the church age is ended with the second return of Christ, God has spoken to all believers with the proof of Jesus Christ as God's Son. Then the writer lists seven things about this Son. John MacArthur calls them "seven excellencies."

The first is, "He was appointed heir of all things." This is logical since Jesus is declared "The Son of God." The law of heirship is for the eldest son, or the firstborn, to be the heir. Since Jesus was both, then it stands to reason that He is the heir to the kingdom of God. All that the Father has is His.

The second thing or excellency about Jesus is, "Through whom He also made the world," vs 2C. This is what the Apostle John is saying in the 3rd verse of the first chapter of his Gospel. He wrote, "All things were made by Him; and without Him was not anything made that was made." Jesus was at the very beginning <sup>OF</sup> the creation with God making and forming all of creation. There never was a time when Jesus was not in existence, and His coming into the world in the flesh which we celebrate as the Incarnation, Christmas, was merely the human manifestation of God revealing His Glory completely to man.

The next excellency of Jesus is, "And He is the radiance of His Glory," vs 3A. Here we have what could possibly be conceived as a Biblical problem, or difficulty. Last week we read from Ezekiel ~~and his account of how the Glory of God was taken from the temple and the people of Israel. That glory was never seen again. Haggai wrote that the Glory of God would one day return. His prophecy was twofold. It was first a short range prophecy and a long range prophecy. ~~ix~~ This means that he simply was seeing something that he did not completely understand, yet he knew that God would fulfill it sometime. Neither did he understand that his prophecy would not be completely fulfilled at one time. All of this was in the hands of God and like all prophets, that is where he left it.~~

So it is that we read in the letter of Hebrews that "He is the radiance of" (God's) glory." Here is where the difficulty arises. In Isaiah, the 42nd chapter the 8th verse, God declared: "I am the Lord, that is My Name; I will not give My Glory to another." Now did God make a mistake? Did He say that and later change His mind? Or did He say one thing and do another? God said exactly what He meant. He didn't say it here and then say or do something else later on. When He said "He is the Lord," He is saying "I am ADONCY," This means God. And He is emphasizing that He will not share His glory with anyone else. That means He will not raise anyone to His level. He is saying there is only ONE GOD, and that is Himself. And the author of Hebrews spells this out about Jesus when he adds the next excellency ~~where~~ where he states: "And the exact representation of His nature," vs 3B.

He says that Jesus is the "radiance of His glory," or the shining forth of God's Glory into the life of man again. And this Jesus, this radiance of God's Glory is "The exact representation of God's nature." Who was Jesus? That question has been asked over and over. It was C. S. Lewis who wrote: A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said wouldn't be a ~~good~~ great moral teacher. He'd either be a lunatic - on the level with a man who says he's a poached egg - or else He's be the devil of hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God, or else a madman or something worse."

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Jesus was God in the flesh. This time God didn't send just another man like Abraham or Moses to reveal His glory; nor did He reveal Himself through a special sign like a bush burning; nor ~~was~~ was He seen in a dwelling place like the Tabernacle or the temple. This time He came in a human form, but He came personally. And going back to the meaning of the word "radiance," in Greek it has a meaning which ~~is~~ has to do with character. Character is what makes a person what he is. This is speaking of Jesus being the essence of God's character. And in Greek character means two things. First, it is a seal, and second it means the mark or the impression of the seal. When a seal was pressed into hot wax, it left an impression. When the wax hardened the sign of the seal is plainly seen. Jesus is the impression of the seal - God. When you look at Him, the impression, you see the seal - God. He is God in the flesh. The next excellency of Jesus is, "Upholds all things by the word of His power," vs 3C.

The author is saying here that Jesus not only was in on the creation, but it ~~is~~ He who holds it all together. John MacArthur writing about this says:

Consider for example what instant destruction would take place if the earth's rotation slowed down just a little. The sun has a surface temperature of 12,000 degrees Fahrenheit. If it were any closer to us we would burn up; if it were any farther away we would freeze. Our globe is tilted on an exact angle of 23 degrees, providing us with four seasons. If it were not so tilted, vapors from the oceans would move north and south and develop into monstrous continents of ice. If the moon did not retain its exact distance from the earth the ocean tides would inundate the land completely, twice a day. After the first flooding of course, the others wouldn't matter ~~faras~~ far as we would be concerned. If the ocean floors were merely a few feet deeper than they are, the carbon dioxide and oxygen balance of the earth's atmosphere would be completely upset, and no animal or plant life could exist. If the atmosphere did not remain at its present density, but thinned out even a little, many of the meteors which now harmlessly burn up when they hit the atmosphere would constantly bombard us.

It is Jesus Christ who sustains and monitors all of this and maintains the balances necessary for our survival.

The next excellency of Jesus is, "When He had made purification of sins." The writer is merely

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saying, that He sacrificed Himself to purify mankind from the stain of sin. He did this by the death of Himself upon the cross. This was the sacrifice that was required by God to justify man in His sight. God Himself did that. It was for Him, that He came into the world to be recognized as "A Son." With this identity, man could approach to God without fear of death because man had looked on God. God Himself made this possible because of His love. The last excellency the writer lists is, "He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on High," vs 3E.

In the Tabernacle and the temple, the priest couldn't sit down because there was no seat. His job was to sacrifice, sacrifice, sacrifice. Over and over again he sacrificed. But Jesus as our Priest sacrificed once and then sat down. On the cross He exclaimed, "It is Finished," and when He ascended into heaven He sat down. There He is at the right hand of God, or the seat of authority and power.

An unknown writer says: "I asked Jesus how much He loved me. He stretched out His arms and said, 'This much' --- and died."

God revealed His Glory to mankind once again through Jesus Christ. We can know that special love only through Him. He invites each of us to come to Him because that was His special gift to the world. It was "For Him: A Son." And it was for us as we just celebrated a few months ago, "For unto us a Son is given." He did it for us, you and me personally.

St. Paul's United Church of Christ  
Butler, Pennsylvania

Rev. Ralph Link, Pastor February 25, 1990

Mr. Robert Weisenstein, Liturgist  
Mr. Dale Rice, Minister of Music  
Mr. Roland Thompson, Saxophonist  
Acolytes: Toni Jo Patsy and Meron Hewis

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ORDER OF WORSHIP 11:00 A.M.

Prelude "Prayer"  
Chiming of the Hour  
Announcements  
Congregational Greeting  
Joys  
Prayer Requests  
\*Processional Hymn No. 547 "The Church's One Foundation"

\*Ascription  
\*Exhortation  
\*Confession (in Unison) Almighty and most merciful  
Father; we have erred and strayed from Thy ways  
like lost sheep. We have followed too much the  
devices of our own hearts. We have offended  
against Thy holy laws. We have left undone those  
things which we ought to have done; and we have  
done those things which we ought not to have done  
and there is no health in us. We confess all of  
this, knowing there is forgiveness in Thee,  
which we ask now in Jesus' name. Amen.

\*Kyrie  
\*Assurance of Pardon  
\*Praise: Leader - Blessed be the Lord God  
People - And blessed be His glorious name forever.

\*Gloria Patri - page 142  
Children's Moment  
Hymn No. 446 "Prayer Is the Soul's Sincere Desire"  
Call to Prayer: Pastor - The Lord be with You  
People - And with Thy Spirit  
Pastor - Let us pray.

Morning Prayer  
Giving of our Tithes and Offerings "The Benediction of  
\*Doxology - page 382 Aaron"  
Anthem: "What God Can Do"  
Scripture: Ephesians 1:3-14  
Sermon: "For Him: Believers"  
\*Invitational Hymn No. 128 "Face to Face"

\*Closing Chimes  
\*Benediction  
\*Postlude "Rejoice In The Lord"

+ + + + + \*Congregation Standing + + + + +  
The beautiful flowers on the Altar have been placed by  
Mrs. Marge Smiley in memory of Loved Ones.  
Mrs. Lois Stokes will greet our members and guests today.  
Ushering today will be Dick Mangel, Dick Dally, Donley  
Martin and Don Kingsley.  
Nursery will be provided today by Mrs. Margaret Emery.  
Van Driver for Ash Wednesday will be Joe Youngblood.  
Van Driver for next Sunday will be Joe Youngblood.  
Attendance last Sunday was 102 with 4 visitors.  
Don Kingsley and Ben Vensel will be visiting the hospital  
this week.  
Hospitalized:

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> TUESDAY - 7:00 P.M. we will be holding a meeting to begin  
plans for VBS this year. Mary Jane Weisenstein  
has volunteered to be this year's Director. Any  
one interested in helping or teaching, please  
come join us.

> WEDNESDAY - Ash Wednesday service will be held at 7:30 P.M.  
We will be observing the Lord's Supper at the  
altar rail.  
- Choir will hold its rehearsal immediately  
following the service.

EASTER EGGS - we have a couple more weeks left to get your  
order in. Orders are due March 11th.  
Please support our upcoming projects.

FISH FRY DINNERS - will be coming up quickly. March 14 &  
28th. Flyers are posted on the bulletin  
boards. We will also need help and donations  
of pies. See Helen, Phyllis or Dick Mangel.  
Please volunteer to help, we need you!!!

World Day of Prayer will be observed March 2nd at 1:00 P.M.  
at the North Street Christian Church with a service.  
Immediately following the service a reception will be  
held. This is sponsored by the Women's Commission of  
the Butler Fellowship of Churches.

At the close of the service the invitation is extended to  
each worshipper to respond to God's leading for your  
life. This invitation gives the opportunity to accept  
Christ, to pray, to meditate, or to seek counseling.  
The Altar is open to everyone. The Pastor will assist  
you if you desire.



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 Sat 2 we wen Js save us??? YES, WE S, OR CHILDREN OF S  
 Rom 9:16-17  
 vs 18  
 Eph 1:7-9 God  
 Jny: vs 6  
 (Thus drunkard dy rovtv-stricken evn tho a millionaire)  
 Eph 1:7-9, 11 - READ  
 vs 12-13 discards hat  
 vs 13-14 all 2 dun-? has dun  
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His gift or GRACE, & no one is excluded who comes to God through Christ

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this brings any Believer to point where can honestly say in words of  
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vs 13-14=READ - All God has done, the Son has done, & all I have done,  
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the Holy Spirit is sealed in our lives when we come to Christ & our lives are then  
bringing glory to God

we have seen how God took common things like animal skins, a bush, temple  
stones & used these common things to show His glory

but He desires to take each of us individually & transform us so we show 4th  
His glory

God desires to use us as instruments His glory throughout unending ages  
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that was the example Jesus came into the world to show, the example that God

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it like ugly brown cocoon caterpillar makes & out comes butterfly

that transformation God depicts in His Word when takes place every Believer

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because we are His

(Thus farmer, elevator & transformation that takes place)

through Christ a transformation like that takes place

God takes common ordinary life, just like any of us, & changes those lives to His Glory

He sums up this way - listen=READ vs 13-14

2-th/praise of His Glory is what each Believer is - FOR HIM

now why do I know why pastor wouldn't pray & man get his job?

it's because we are to show 4th God's Glory wherever we are

we may be only Christian in store/shop/office

but it there He wants us to reflect His Glory & let others see Him  
in us

We can share that Glory with others, but only if it is evident in  
our lives where we are



## "For Him: Believers"

Scripture: Ephesians 1:7-14

(Illustration of man asking his pastor to pray he gets a new job)

A man came to his pastor and asked him to pray that the Lord would get him another job.

The pastor asked, "What's the matter? Don't you like your job?"

"Oh, yes," the man replied, "I like it very much. I'm well-satisfied with my job."

"Then, what's the trouble? Is it the pay?"

"Oh, no, they pay me very well."

"Then why do you want me to pray that you get another job?" the pastor asked.

The man replied, "Well, I'm the only Christian in the whole shop. I'm hungry for Christian fellowship and that's why I'm asking you to pray I get another job."

The pastor answered, "I'm sorry, I cannot do that. In fact, I'm going to pray you won't get another job."

Why would a pastor who is supposed to pray for the needs of his people refuse to pray for the happiness and peace of mind one of his parishioners? Was he wrong in refusing to pray as the man had asked? Let's see!

The glory of God was revealed through Creation, it was revealed through Abraham and the Covenant; it was revealed through the burning bush, through Moses, through the Tabernacle, through the temple and through Jesus Christ. Now God has chosen an unlikely instrument through which to reveal His glory and it is sinners, whom He transforms. Paul writes in the 2nd chapter of Ephesians, verses 19 through 22, (read these). He is saying that God is now doing exactly what He did in the Old Testament. The Tabernacle and Temple were places in which God dwelt, and revealed His glory. But instead of using animal skins as He did for the Tabernacle, or stones as He did for the Temple, He is using a new type of ~~materials~~ building material, - living stones. God is using believers. Believers are being joined together to be God's dwelling place.

Several times in his letters to the Corinthians Paul states that the believer is the Temple of God. God's purpose has always been to glorify Himself; to reveal Himself to mankind so that man might know Him. We are taught in Scripture that Jesus came to reveal that glory of God to man, <sup>AND</sup> to set an example for us to follow. So how can a Believer glorify God? The Believer by his very salvation is an instrument to reveal God's glory. What were we before we were saved? Lost sinners. What are we when Christ saves us? Sons of God or children of God if you prefer. In Romans 8:16-17 Paul writes, "The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow-heirs with Christ. if indeed we suffer with Him in order that we may also be glorified with Him."

We are fellow-heirs with Christ of all that God has to give us. And Paul goes on to state, "For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared to glory that will be revealed to us," verse 18.

All that we must go through in this life is leading onward to the glory which God will ultimately share with us in eternity. We must go through the afflictions, the problems of this life and like Jesus, we suffer through them. But at the end of this life is all that God has prepared for those who are His.

What takes sinners and makes them into sons? It is God's salvation provided ~~through~~ by grace through the death of Jesus Christ. This is what Paul has outlined in our Scripture for this morning. He begins by telling what God the Father has done. In verse 3 he writes, "He has blessed us with every spiritual blessing."

In verse 4, he writes, "He ~~xxx~~ chose us in Him before the foundation of the world."

Also in verse 4, "He ~~has~~ made us holy and blameless before Him."

In verse 5, "He predestined us to adoption as sons."

And why would God do all of this? Verse 6, tells us, "To the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved."

God did all of this through Jesus Christ, holding nothing back and this work of bringing us to Himself through salvation was to be to His Glory. He did it, "For Him." It was "For Himself" that all of mankind might come to Him.

(Illustration of drunkard being a millionaire and dying broke)

A man who had been a drunkard on Chicago's Skid Row for many years came to a rescue mission one night. He heard the message, ate the meal, and went to bed. That was his last night on earth. He die poverty-stricken and friendless, never to see another day. What he did not know was that he had an inheritance of over four-million dollars waiting for him in England. The authorities had searched for him but were unable to find him because he had no address. Here was a man who had all the material wealth he could want, but he lived and died in poverty.

This is the sad state of affairs for many, many people. They live this life, they go through the trials and tribulations of living, and they die spiritually poverty-stricken because they do not lay claim to the spiritual wealth God has provided through Jesus Christ. We may not possess much of the world's wealth while we live this life. But if we have Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior we are richer than any of the so called "wealthy people" living today.

This is what Paul points out beginning with the 7th verse. "In Him we have redemption through His blood."

He paid the price for each individual sinner who has lived in the past, those who are living in the present and all those who will come along in the future.

In Him we have, "The forgiveness of our trespasses according to the riches of His grace," vs 7B Forgiven, cleansed, the free gift, or "Grace" of God through Him.

In verse 8, Paul says, "Which He lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight."

In the 11th verse we learn, "We have obtained an inheritance." This means that all that God has is ours by His gift, or "Grace" and no one is excluded who comes to God through Christ.

Then Paul points out in the 12th verse, "To the end that we who were the first to hope in Christ, should be to the praise of His glory."

It was Paul and the disciples who first knew Jesus as the Savior of the world. They recognized Him as the promised Messiah of God and they saw in all of this that He was showing forth the glory of God. This brings any believer to the point where he can honestly say in the words of the child's mealtime prayer, "God is Great, God is Good."

Then in verses 13 and 14, Paul says, (Read these verses). All that God has done, the Son has done, and all that the Son has done, the Holy Spirit has done. The Holy Spirit is sealed into our lives when we come to Christ and our lives are then to bring glory ~~xx~~ to God.

We have seen that God took common things like animal skins, a bush, temple stones, and used these common things to show His glory. But He desires to take ~~xxx~~ each of us individually, and transform us so that we show forth His glory. God desires to use us as instruments of His glory throughout the unending ages of eternity. That was the example Jesus came into the world to show, the example that God revealed His glory through Him, and "Believers" in turn are to reflect that glory in this life, because through Him we have been transformed.

The word "Transformed" as it is found in the New Testament has the meaning of a wonderful change being wrought in the individual. It is like the ugly brown cocoon in which a caterpillar envelops himself and then emerges sometime later as a beautiful butterfly. That is the transformation God depicts in His Word which takes place in the life of every believer. But it is all "For Him," to show forth His Glory and we reflect that glory because we are His.

(Illustration of farmer, son, and elevator "transforming")

This story is told of a generation ago when an old farmer brought his family to the big city for the first time. They had never seen buildings so tall or sights so impressive. The farmer dropped his wife off at a department store and took his son with him to the bank - which was the tallest of the buildings. As they walked into the lobby, they saw something else they had never seen before. Two steel doors opened. A rather large, elderly woman walked in and the doors closed behind her. The dial above the door swung to the right and then back to the left. The doors opened and a beautiful young lady came walking out. The farmer was amazed. He turned to his son and said, "You wait right here. I'm going to get your mother and run her through that thing."

Through Christ, a transformation like that takes place. God takes a common ordinary life, just like any of us, and He changes those lives to His glory. Paul sums it up this way, listen how he explains it: "In Him, (Jesus), you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation - having also believed, you were sealed in Him, (Jesus), with the Holy Spirit of promise, Who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God's own possession, to the praise of His Glory," verses 13 & 14.

"To the praise of His Glory," is what each "Believer" is, "For Him." Now do you know why the man's pastor would not pray that the man get a different job? It was because we are to show forth God's glory wherever we happen to be. We may be the only Christian in an office, or in a shop. It is there that God wants us to reflect His glory and let others see Him in us. We can share that glory with others, but only if it is evident in our lives wherever we are.



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ORDER OF WORSHIP 7:30 P.M.  
ASH WEDNESDAY

Prelude  
Chiming of the Hour  
Announcements  
Congregational Greeting  
\*Proclamation Hymn No. 279 "Savior, Thy Dying Love"  
\*Ascription  
\*Call to Communion and Confession (Communion Folder)  
\*Prayer of Confession (Communion Folder)  
\*Assurance of Pardon  
Offering  
Offertory  
\*Doxology - page 382  
Communion Hymn No. 268 "Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness"  
\*Service of Holy Communion (Page 2 of Communion Folder)  
The Lord's Supper (Ushers will direct you to the altar rail)  
Distribution of the Bread  
Distribution of the Cup  
\*Prayer of Thanksgiving  
Anthem: "For Those Tears I Died" Women's Chorus  
Scripture: John 13: 1-17  
Sermon: "He Left Us: A Task"  
\*Hymn No. 256 "The Old Rugged Cross"  
\*Closing Chimes  
\*Benediction  
\*Postlude  
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Mrs. Peg McClymonds will greet our members and guests at the door this evening.  
Paul Riemer, Ben Vensel, Art Snyder and Don Kingsley will be serving Communion and Ushering as well.  
Nursery will be provided

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Choir practice will follow the service this evening.  
The Ushers will be distributing the Love Loaves to you. You will pick them up on the way back to your seats after you have received Communion. These are to be returned to the church on Easter Sunday. Again this year we will support the project of World Vision. More details on this project will be forth coming.  
A meeting of the "12" will be held on Sunday afternoon at 2:00 P.M. This is a practice for the upcoming Service.  
COUNCIL meeting will be held March 7 at 7 P.M.  
EASTER EGGS - Orders for Easter Eggs will be taken until March 11th. Please turn in your ordering sheets and any other orders you may have to Ginny by then.  
FISH FRY DINNERS - will be held on March 14 and 28th. Please check the posters on the bulletin boards to check the time, price and menu. We will also be asking for help as well as donations of pies. Please volunteer and see Helen, Phyllis or Dick. Remember, this is for the church!!! So help us out!!! We will also be taking donations of cakes.  
We will be taking new members into the church on Palm Sunday, April 8th. If you or anyone you know may be interested in joining, please see Rev. Link or let the office know.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO THE CHURCH ON SUNDAY, APRIL 8TH.



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## "He Left Us: A Task"

Scripture: John 13:1-17

(Illustration of Woodpecker and lightning striking the dead tree he pecked on)

A woodpecker was pecking on the trunk of a dead tree. Suddenly, lightning struck the tree and splintered it. The woodpecker flew away unharmed. Looking back to where the dead tree had stood, the proud bird exclaimed, "Look what I did!"

Unfortunately, many Christians are like this. There is today within the Christian church an emphasis on pride, and what has been termed "Selfism." You hear of it and you see it. If a movie star or famous person supposedly comes to the Lord, he or she is paraded around from church to church and from TV and radio shows to proudly tell what he or she was before meeting the Lord. This isn't wrong in itself, but it projects the image of to other people emphasizing the glamour and glitter and bragging about it. Churches in every community are in competition with other churches of the community in trying to sell themselves as being the biggest or the best and they have what the other churches do not have.

In this 13th chapter of John, Jesus makes it quite clear that "selfism" has no place in Christianity. Jesus taught against pride. The main point of our Scripture tonight is brought out in what He did and how He has handed this "Task" on to every believer.

It was on the night before His death, that Jesus taught some of the most profound things. These things "He Left Us" as His legacy to us. Each week we are going to look at these different things. It was during the Passover meal which we know as "The Last Supper," that Jesus taught these lessons. What took place in one night we will examine in the next six weeks.

The Apostle John begins this Scripture with the words of verse 1, "He loved them to the end." Jesus' ministry was one of love in the midst of the hatred and opposition He faced. So it is that we read, (Read verses 4 through 10). This was Thursday evening. Jesus and His disciples were probably hiding out in Bethany and had possibly traveled by back roads to get back to Jerusalem. Those back roads were dusty <sup>or muddy</sup> and traveling on them by foot, the traveler's feet became dirty, or muddy. At the entrance to every Jewish home was a large pot of water which was used to wash dirty feet. The one who did the footwashing was the lowliest slave. As guests arrived, this slave would wash their feet. But when Jesus and His disciples arrived at the Upper Room, there were no servants to wash their feet. It wasn't too long before this time that Jesus had told His disciples that whoever wished to be great among them should be a servant. But evidently that saying had fallen on deaf ears. After they were all seated, Jesus arose from the table, poured water from the pitcher into the basin, took a towel and began to wash their feet. Can you imagine the pain, the regret this must have caused the disciples? They should have been washing each others feet, and especially the feet of Jesus. But we are no different today than they were. The church is full of people who are standing on their dignity when they should be kneeling in front of their brothers and sisters. The desire for prominence and importance is death to humility and service. When we are tempted to think of our prestige or dignity the next time we are asked to do some lowly task, we need to look at Jesus, kneeling as a slave and washing the dirt from the feet of sinful men.

The conversation Jesus had with Peter is the lesson we can all learn from. Peter questioned why Jesus would wash his feet. He could not see that the Messiah would stoop this low. To do so made Him a servant and to the Jews, the Messiah was to never be that. But Jesus was trying to convey to Peter and the others that that was precisely what He was - A servant. So He said to him, (Read verse 7). He meant that this was the beginning of His servanthood and only after He had given His very life for mankind would Peter and the others understand this.

So Peter as usual, goes from one extreme to the other. First it is, "You shall never wash my feet," verse 8,

to, "Lord, not my feet only, but also my head and my hands," verse 9.

It is then that Jesus gives the true meaning of His coming into the world. He tells Peter, (read verse 10). Jesus is applying the spiritual application to this conversation. He is saying that when a person has been cleansed, redeemed, he doesn't need to be redeemed again. He compares it to a person traveling in those days. In the morning the person would take a bath. He would travel from place to place during the day. In the process he gets his feet dusty or dirty, and when entering a house must have them washed. He doesn't need to take a bath again, just wash his feet. So Jesus is telling Peter, once you have been redeemed by Me, you do not need redemption again, you just need forgiveness when you commit a sin. John wrote ~~xxxx~~ this truth later when he said, "If we confess our sins He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness," 1 John 1:9.

Literally he is saying Jesus will keep on cleansing us from sin. This is the spiritual washing of feet, Jesus is referring to in talking to Peter.

It is then that Jesus takes the time to teach the disciples this truth by saying, (Read verses 12-17). The secret to living the Christian life is the "Task" Jesus has left us. We are to be servants. Notice, He says, "A servant is not greater than his master; neither is one who is sent greater than the one who sent him," verse 16.

(Illustration of Phil Donohue and country preacher at mine disaster)

Phil Donohue, in his autobiography, tells of the time he was starting out as a young television reporter. He was sent to cover a mine disaster. It was late at night. Snow was on the ground and it was freezing cold. The rescue team was down in the mine shaft and worried, anxious friends and relatives were gathered at the entrance to the mine, waiting for some word of hope.

Someone began to sing, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." Others joined in, and then still others. Then it was quiet. A minister stepped out of the crowd and said, "Let us pray." His prayer was very brief, but very moving. Donohue said it was so moving to him that he got goose bumps. But his camera was frozen up and he couldn't record it for TV. Finally, after working with the camera for a while he got it working. He went up to the minister and asked him to repeat the prayer. The minister said, "No." Donohue said, "I'm a TV reporter. I represent 260 stations. Millions of people will be able to see you and to hear your beautiful prayer." The minister answered, "No."

Donohue said, "Perhaps you don't understand. I'm not representing some local TV station. I'm with CBS. The whole nation will be able to see this." The old country preacher said, "No," turned his back and walked away.

Donohue was dumbfounded and furious. He couldn't understand it. But about a year later he said it hit him. He wrote that he was witnessing something called "integrity." He wrote, "The man wouldn't showbiz for Jesus. He wouldn't sell his soul for TV, not even for national TV, not even....praise God....for CBS."

He was a servant. He knew his "Task." Do we know what that "Task" is, and what it means to be about it?



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ORDER OF WORSHIP 11:00 A.M.

Prelude

Chiming of the Hour

Announcements

Congregational Greeting

Joys

Prayer Requests

\*Processional Hymn No. 16 "Tell Me the Old, Old Story"

\*Ascription

\*Exhortation

\*Confession (In Unison) O God, we confess that we are  
reluctant to move into this lenten journey to  
Jerusalem. The past appears pleasant in comparison  
with the future unknown. We meet pressing human  
need with fear and pain and inaction. In a chorus  
with worshippers everywhere, we say, "We have fallen  
short, we live in a state of brokenness and alienation.  
We have sinned." O God, our Sustainer and Redeemer,  
help us to discover the gifts of power, talent, and  
energy which you give us, that we might bring healing  
into a broken world. Forgive our sin, strengthen our  
resolve, and renew us in your ever-vibrant spirit.  
Amen.

\*Kyrie

\*Assurance of Pardon

\*Praise: Leader - Blessed be the Lord God

People - And blessed be His glorious name forever.

\*Gloria Patri - page 142

Children's Moment

Hymn No. 440 "The Lord's Prayer"

Call to Prayer: Pastor - The Lord be with You

People - And with Thy Spirit

Pastor - Let us pray.

Morning Prayer

Offering

Offertory "In The Garden"

\*Doxology - page 382.

organ and sax

Anthem: "Hear Us O Father"

featuring Lloyd Link

Scripture: John 13:18-30

Sermon: "He Left Us: An Awareness"

\*Invitational Hymn No. 274 "Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed"

\*Closing Carols

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

\*\*\*\*\* \*Congregation Standing \*\*\*\*\*

The beautiful flowers on the altar have been placed by the

Richard Mangel family in memory of Uncle Jimmy Stewart.

Mr. & Mrs. Bobby Todder will greet our members and guests

at the door this morning.

Serving as Ushers today are Marty Henry, John Snow, Jeff

Snyder and Walter Hollefreund.

Nursery will be provided today by Mrs. Marie Henry.

Van Driver for next Sunday will be Mike Roper.

Attendance last Sunday was 66 with 4 visitors.

Marge Smiley and Bonnie Gannon will be visiting the

hospital this week.

Hospitalized:

UPCOMING EVENTS TO REMEMBER:

> Wednesday - Council meeting at 7P.M.

> Next Sunday, March 11th all Easter Egg order forms are  
due into Ginny Mangel.

> March 14 will be our first FISH FRY!!! We need lots of  
help, donations of pies and cakes, and pray that it  
will be a successful day. We will be serving lunch  
as well as Dinners. Please check the fliers posted on  
the Bulletin Boards. If you can help, please see  
Dick, Helen or Phyllis. We need YOU!!! So come out  
and support our efforts. We are serving FRESH fish!!!

At the close of the service the invitation is extended to  
each worshipper to respond to God's leading for your  
life. This invitation gives the opportunity to accept  
Christ, to pray, to meditate, or to seek counseling.  
The Altar is open to everyone. The Pastor will assist  
you if you desire.



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acnt that invitatin 2day!!!!

### "He Left Us: An Awareness"

Scripture: John 13:18-30

(Illustration of Norman Rockwell painting of butcher and woman buying Thanksgiving turkey)  
Some years ago, Norman Rockwell painted a picture of a woman buying a Thanksgiving turkey. The turkey was on the scales and the butcher was standing behind the counter. The woman was a lady about sixty, and she stood on the other side of the counter watching the weigh-in. Each had a pleased look on their faces and all appeared to be normal. But on closer inspection Rockwell had painted their hands very distinctly. The butcher is pressing down on the scales with his thumb while the woman is pushing up on the scales with a finger.

This scene could well describe the scene taking place in this Scripture from this 13th chapter of John. The disciples are there with Jesus beginning to understand that this would be the last meal they would share with Jesus. To them it is a time of fellowship and sharing this special time with Jesus. To Judas, it is a short step from what he has plotted to take place against Jesus. To Jesus it is a moment of truth which He doesn't completely spell out to His disciples. On the surface everything seems on the up and up.

Jesus had just finished the humble task of washing the feet of His disciples. Now He was involved in discussing with them the events which would take place in the near future. He tells them, "I do not speak of all of you. I know the ones I have chosen; but it is that the Scripture may be fulfilled, 'He who eats my bread has lifted up his heel against me.'" verse 18. Jesus is quoting directly from the 41st Psalm. David wrote this Psalm at the time of Absalom's defection from the kingdom. David's trusted friend Ahithophel, one of his right hand men who ate at his table had deserted him and joined forces with Absalom. And ironically, Ahithophel, when he saw the cause of Absalom taking over David's throne was lost, went out and hung himself just as Judas did of whom Jesus is talking about.

Jesus had to explain to His disciples what was going to take place because had He been betrayed, arrested, and executed without them having some understanding of these events the disciples may have concluded that Jesus was not all He had claimed to be. So He explains, "From now on I am telling you before it comes to pass, so that when it does occur, you may believe that I am He." verse 19.

Then He makes the startling announcement as we read in verse 21, "Truly, truly, I say to you, that one of you will betray Me."

This caused a stir among them and John gives an explanation of a conversation between himself and Peter. (Read verses 23 & 24). In order to understand this we need to construct the ~~xxxx~~ scene. The usual mode of dining in those days was to recline on cushions around a low table. They reclined around the table which was in a "U" shape. At the open end of the "U" servants could pick up dishes and empty platters and replace them with others. There were no servants doing this at the Last Supper but they were seated around a table in a "U" shape. They reclined on their left elbow which permitted them to feed themselves with their right hands. So much for those who were lefthanded. The seating arrangement was as follows: starting at the one side of the table at the open end of the "U", John was the first at the table and Jesus was seated at his left. This meant that when we read "he reclined on Jesus' breast," we are being told that was the natural position for him to be in and he could hear the conversation Jesus was having. Seated across the table from him at the other end of the "U" was Peter. Since Peter was on the other side of the table he couldn't hear what Jesus was saying.



We shall see shortly that the conversation Jesus had was not meant for all of them at that point. Reclining next to Jesus was Judas. This is ironic because the one seated on the left of the guest of honor was in the place of highest honor which was reserved for the most intimate friend. In all likelihood, Jesus made this arrangement himself so He could speak privately with Judas. We are not privileged to much conversation here, but Jesus had the opportunity to show Judas His love and seek to get him to change his mind about what he was resolved to do. John, asked by Peter to find out who the betrayer was, inquired of Jesus and His answer was ~~xxx~~ that the one to whom He gave a select morsel of food. This again, was a special act reserved for an honored intimate friend. Thus when Jesus gave this morsel to Judas, none of the disciples other than John, knew what was actually taking place. Jesus, knowing that Judas' mind was made up and He couldn't get him to change it, said to him, "What you do, do quickly." Any of the disciples who may have heard this remark had no inkling what Jesus was referring to. If they heard it they probably believed as John writes that Jesus was giving Judas instructions about money from their small treasury of which Judas was the treasurer. Then John writes: "And so after receiving the morsel he went out immediately; and it was night," verse 30. It was not only dark outside, but Judas went out into darkness. This is also an ironic statement because when anyone goes out of the presence of Jesus Christ it is always night. There are always Judas's even in the church. These are people who are professing to be Christians and who actually are selling Him out and crucifying Him anew. The author of Hebrews writes in the 6th chapter, the 6th verse, of these people, "They again crucify to themselves the Son of God, and put Him to open shame."

There are many who have eaten at His table and then turned their heel against Him. But what really happens to people like Judas, is that they ~~xxxx~~ do not sell Jesus out, they sell themselves. An anonymous writer penned these few short lines:

Still as of old,  
By himself is priced.  
For thirty pieces Judas sold  
Himself, not Christ.

The point that we are left with from this lesson is "An Awareness." That Awareness is that we must ever be vigilant and alert to the fact that we or others can easily become hypocrites. That is what Judas was. He was an imposter. He played the game well. He knew the right things to do and probably the right things to say. He had all the disciples fooled, but he couldn't fool Jesus. Neither can we.

(Illustration of father and his solution to the TV problem at home)

A father complained about the amount of time his family spent watching TV. His children watched cartoons and neglected their schoolwork. His wife watched the soap operas and neglected the housework. Do you know what his solution was? He said, "As soon as the baseball season is over, I'm going to pull the plug."

There is a first class hypocrite. No matter what the circumstances, Jesus calls us to serve Him with complete loyalty and allegiance. It isn't a fair-weather commitment. It is a commitment in all seasons, in all kinds of circumstances. Whatever the motives Judas may have had for doing what he did they weren't a reflection of his image which he projected as he walked with Jesus for 3 years. Our love, our loyalty is to remain constant no matter what. Someone wrote about some of the hymns we sing in church. Listen to the list and see

if perhaps we may see ourselves in one of them.

(Illustration of Hymns and Heart)

We sing "Sweet Hour of Prayer" and are content with 5-10 minutes a day.  
We sing "Onward Christian Soldiers" and wait to be drafted into his service.  
We sing "O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing" and don't use the one we have.  
We sing "There Shall Be Showers Of Blessing" but do not come when it rains, and we could add, "or snows, or is any kind of bad weather."  
We sing "Blest Be The Tie That Binds" and let the least little offense sever it.  
We sing "Serve The Lord With Gladness" and grime about all we have to do.  
We sing "I Love To Tell The Story" and never mention it at all.  
We sing "We're Marching To Zion" but fail to march to worship or church school.  
We sing "Cast Thy Burden On The Lord" and worry ourselves into a nervous breakdown.  
We sing "The Whole Wide World For Jesus" and never invite our next door neighbor.  
We sing "O Day Of Rest And Gladness" and wear ourselves out traveling, cutting the grass, or playing golf on Sunday.  
We sing "Throw Out The Lifeline" and content ourselves with throwing out a fishing line.

Do things like this give us "An Awareness" that each of us can honestly say "I'm not all I should be?" And, "I don't do as much for the Lord as I should?" We can all say this no matter who we are. The legacy that Jesus left us that we will continue to look at, is that we can see ourselves in a different light looking at this last night of Jesus' earthly life before He was crucified. We will all see ourselves as we are if we are honest. None of us are perfect and we have the opportunity to renew our lives and renew our commitment to Him in love and service. This is the invitation He extends to us as we begin our Lenten journey. Will you join me in that renewal? Accept that invitation today!

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ORDER OF WORSHIP 11:00 A.M.

Prelude  
Chiming of the Hour  
Announcements  
Congregational Greeting  
Joys  
Prayer Requests  
\*Processional Hymn No. 263 "There Is a Fountain Filled  
with Blood"

\*Ascription  
\*Exhortation  
\*Confession (In Unison) O God, you know how we are  
exposed to the world's temptations, but you also  
know that we would like to be righteous. Grant us  
the strength to follow our Master down the road of  
discipleship, even though we know we shall surely  
meet the cross at the end of that road. Forgive us  
for all sin that prevents us from following Him  
rightly, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

\*Kyrie  
\*Assurance of Pardon  
\*Praise: Leader - Blessed be the Lord God  
People - And blessed be His glorious name forever.

\*Gloria Patri - page 142  
Children's Moment  
Hymn No. 51 "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"  
Call to Prayer: Pastor - The Lord be with You  
People - And with Thy Spirit  
Pastor - Let us pray.

Morning Prayer  
Offering  
Offertory  
\*Doxology - page 382  
Anthem: "What God Can Do / This Is My Father's World"  
Scripture: John 13: 31-36  
Sermon: He Left Us: A Riddle  
\*Invitational Hymn No. 84 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

\*Choral Benediction (Congregation please join us)  
\*Benediction  
\*Postlude  
+ + + + + \*Congregation Standing + + + + +  
The beautiful flowers on the altar have been placed by  
Mrs. Kitty Feder in memory of Wally.  
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Crawford will greet our members and  
friends at the door this morning.  
Listening today are Sandy Sheppeck, Eric Hollefreund,  
Liesel Eichhorn and Helen Crouse.  
Nursery will be provided today by Mrs. Barb Andrews.  
Van Driver for next Sunday will be Marty Henry.  
Attendance last Sunday was 122 with 9 visitors.  
Dick Mangel and Bill Snyder will be visiting the hospital  
this week.  
Hospitalized: -----  
ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK:  
Tuesday - 7 P.M. Sunday School Teachers meeting  
6:40 P.M. Get up of the hall for our  
Fish Dinner. We need help!  
Wednesday - Fish Fry Day!!! Don't forget your cakes  
and pies and that you promised to help.  
See the bulletin board for times. See you  
there. Bring a friend or two, or three...  
EASTER EGG orders are due in today. Please see Ginny.  
Easter Lillies may be ordered now. Price is \$5.50 each.  
Please drop a note in the offering plate or see Ginny.  
SAVE LEAVES are available in the Narthex. This is our  
World Vision project for 1990. This year it will go  
into a Child Immunization Project in 7 countries of  
Africa. They are to be returned on Easter Sunday.  
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SHALOM TO YOU  
Shalom to you now, shalom my friends,  
May God's full mercies bless you my friends,  
in all your living, and through your loving,  
Christ be your Shalom, Christ be your Shalom.  
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At the close of the service the invitation is extended to  
each worshipper to respond to God's leading for your  
life. This invitation gives the opportunity to accept  
Christ, to pray, to meditate, or to seek counseling.  
The Altar is open to everyone. The Pastor will assist  
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Community Bible Church - Sagamore, Pa. March 15, 1992

Prelude

Announcements/Greetings/Prayer Requests

Description

Call to Worship:

O GIVE THANKS UNTO THE LORD, CALL ON HIS NAME, MAKE KNOWN  
HIS DEEDS AMONG THE PEOPLES!  
SING TO HIM: SING PRAISES UNTO HIM, TELL OF HIS WONDERFUL  
WORKS.  
GLORY IN HIS HOLY NAME: LET THE HEARTS OF THOSE WHO SEEK THE  
LORD REJOICE!

\*Hymn

Offering/Prayer

\*Doxology

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn

Scripture: John 13:31-38

Sermon: "He Left Us: A Stigma" - St. Paul's Butler 3/11-90

\*Hymn

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

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(Thus your wedding - cross - to the Virgin, no church)

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He left us - Stigma: a Plea or Curse

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"He Left Us: A Stigma"

3/11/90

Scripture: John 13:31-38

(Illustration of what Christians are, from "A New Eusebius" page 58-59) taken from the Epistle to Diognetus)

This extract from an anonymous Christian writer, ~~xxxxxx~~ writing in the 100's which was called the 2nd century of the church. Can you see the odd bunch which these Christians were? They had a "Stigma" attached to them which immediately set them apart from the rest of society and the world. Their emblem which was considered an instrument of disgrace, was the cross. That cross has become so common that you may see it worn by anyone, including atheists and pagans. I was at a wedding some time ago and one of the girls in the bridal party was wearing a beautiful cross necklace. I remarked how beautiful it was. She remarked that it was a piece of jewelry she admired and bought it. I ~~xxxxxx~~ remarked on the fact that it was nice to see Christians expressing their faith by displaying what they believe in. She informed me that she wasn't a Christian and didn't go to church.

That story is indicative of our society today. It reminds me of the story ~~if~~ I heard of a woman who went into a jewelry store to buy a necklace with a cross on it.

(Illustration of woman buying cross necklace and man suggesting one that was popular)

A woman went into a jewelry store in order to purchase a necklace with a cross on it. She told the clerk she wanted something nice, not elaborate, but rather unique. He told her he had a good selection of cross necklaces and took her to the counter where they were on display. The woman looked at the crosses in the showcase trying to decide. The man wanting to be helpful asked, "Do you just want a plain cross? We have some that are very popular. It is a cross with the figure of a little man on it."

What Jesus left us is "A Stigma" which is either a curse or a blessing. There were certain marks Jesus placed upon all true believers. These marks as seen by the world portray what a Christian is, as opposed to the unbelievers and pagans of society. In this Scripture we read of the first of these marks in the 34th and 35th verses, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

"Love one another as I have loved you." That is expecting a tremendous amount of love from believers. Think of what the church would be like if every member practiced that love. But that is not the church which the world sees. We have factions and little groups; there are splits and cliques; people gossip and backbite, and the world looks and sees little love. Is it any wonder much of the world sees no need of the church of Jesus Christ.

The love Jesus was talking of here is costly. How did He love us? He loved us to the extreme that He gave His very life's blood on our behalf. True love always costs dearly and it ~~xxx~~ <sup>cynical</sup> never comes cheap. An anonymous philosopher once remarked, "Scratch a Christian and you will find a pagan." Was he right? If each of us who belong to the church, as followers of Jesus Christ, were to live the example He set before us, that saying would come out, "Scratch a Christian and you will find a Christian."

Another mark of a Christian is the mark of loyalty. Jesus was speaking to His disciples, trying to explain what was going to take place, so they would know what was happening when it came to pass. So He said to them, "that He was going away and where He was going they could not go. Peter as always asked a question about this and it was, "Lord, where are you going?"

Jesus answered, "Where I am going you cannot follow Me now; but you shall follow later," vs 36.

Peter answered, "Lord, why can I not follow you right now? I will lay down my life for You," vs 37.

And it is here that Jesus answered, "Will you lay down your life for Me? Truly, truly, I say to you, a cock shall not crow, until you deny Me three times," vs 38.

Although Peter did exactly what Jesus said he would do, what Peter was exhibiting here was an intense loyalty. One of the marks of a true believer is a loyalty to the Savior. There are always those and there always will be, fair-weather Christians. These are the people who only follow as long as it doesn't cost too much. And when the going gets rough, they move on to other fields of interest. Jesus Christ calls us from our daily lives to live a life of commitment. That commitment calls for us to be loyal through thick and thin; through storm and calm; and through peace and conflict. His promise was never that we would live a life of comfort and ease. Rather, He said, "In the world you shall have tribulation, but I have overcome the world. The "Stigma He Left Us," is that we do exactly the opposite of what the world expects.

But there is one mark, or "Stigma" which should be evidenced in the life of the Christian.

At the beginning of this Scripture we read, "When he therefore had gone out," verse 31A.

Jesus knew that the plans for His arrest and death were in the works and it is almost as though He breathed a sigh of relief. And that is perhaps what John is seeking to imply. I think we all know what it is to be operating under pressure, and when that pressure is removed, there is a sense of a burden being lifted from our shoulders. Jesus must have felt this as well.

John then goes on to say, "Jesus said, 'Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in Him: if God is glorified in Him, God will also glorify Him in Himself, and will glorify Him immediately,'" Verses 41B-43.

The committed Christian must follow in the footsteps of his Master, and seek the Lord's Glory. It makes no difference what the world thinks of him, the true believer lives, or tries to live so that what he does brings honor to God. I think it goes without saying that we know what this means. It is like the quote, "Christian" unquote, who has a bumper sticker on his car that says, "Honk if you love Jesus," and then drives like a maniac cutting people out and shaking his fist at them when they do something they believe is stupid. Does that bring glory to God? No, of course not. In fact, anyone who may happen to be a borderline person considering joining the church may be persuaded by this to forget it if this is what Christians are.

How do the marks of Jesus Christ fit us? Webster defines a stigma as something which can be both beneficial and harmful. We can either think of it as being a positive mark, or a mark that is negative. To those of the world who believe that Christianity is something to be avoided like the plague it is a negative mark. To the believer who knows that life should be lived in love and service to the Lord, the "Stigma" which Jesus Left Us is worth it all.

We live this life not to please men, but to please God. We live here not permanently, but as an alien in a foreign land.

An anonymous writer has spelled it out thusly:

I counted dollars while God counted crosses.  
I counted gains, while He counted losses!  
I counted my worth by the things gained in store.  
But He sized me up by the scars that I bore.

I coveted honors and sought for degress;  
He wept as He counted the hours on my knees.  
And I never knew 'til one day at a grave,  
How vain are these things that we spend life to save!

It is only when we see the futility of much of our efforts that we come to the realization of what is important and what is not. We fuss over the rules and regulations of the church; we worry and fret over things that don't amount to anything. And in the end the question must be asked, "What was his or her life worth in what he or she did for the Lord?"

How do we bear the "Stigma" which "He Left Us?"

Are His marks evident upon our lives each day?

How is our loyalty to Him expressed?

Do others hear of Him from our lips?

Does what we do honor and glorify our Savior?

Is the cross just a piece of pretty jewelry and nothing more?

The Lord is calling us from the vain pleasures of this world to live for Him.

Are we willing to accept that "Stigma" is the question we each must answer!



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Prelude  
Chiming of the Hour  
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Prayer Requests  
\*Processional Hymn No. 56 "God Will Take Care of You"  
\*Ascription  
\*Exhortation  
\*Confession (in Unison) We know, O God, that only the  
pure in heart shall see thee. Help us in this  
season to remove from our lives all the dark  
shadows that would hide us from thee. Make us so  
clean within that our outward acts will witness to  
thy grace; through Jesus Christ, who was tempted as  
we are, yet without sin. Amen.

\*Kyrie  
\*Assurance of Pardon  
\*Praise: Leader - Blessed be the Lord God  
People - And blessed be His glorious name forever.  
\*Gloria Patri - page 142  
Children's Moment  
Hymn No. 91 "'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"  
Call to Prayer: Pastor - The Lord be with You  
People - And with Thy Spirit  
Pastor - Let us pray.

Morning Prayer  
Offering  
Offertory  
\*Doxology - page 382  
Anthem: "No Wonder" Soloist Lloyd Link  
Scripture: John 14: 1-6  
Sermon: "He Left Us: Comfort"  
\*Invitational Hymn No. 223 "I Stand Amazed"  
\*Closing Chimes  
\*Benediction  
\*Postlude

The beautiful flowers on the altar have been placed by  
Tracey Smiley in memory of Uncle Henry and Dad.  
Kelly Mangel will greet our members and guests at the  
door this morning.  
Members of the Youth Group will be serving as Usners today.  
Nursery will be provided.  
Van Driver for next Sunday will be Bill Snyder.  
Attendance last Sunday was 124 with 9 visitors.  
Darryl Sheppeck and Kathy Gola will be visiting the  
hospital this week.

\*Hospitalized: Clarence Wolfe in BMH.  
\*VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL meeting is set for Monday evening at  
7:00 P.M. This is important!!! I need a few more  
teachers and lots of helpers. If you can help out please  
attend this meeting, or see Mary Jane Weisenstein.  
\*MARCH 25th - next Sunday - the Youth will sponsor another  
Soup & Sandwich Luncheon immediately following church in  
Mahoboth Hall. Please come out and support the efforts  
of our Youth, as well as taste some great homemade soups.  
Fish Fry of this past week was great. Thanks to all for  
your help and support. The next one will be on March 28.  
We need cakes and pies donated for that dinner as well.  
Please sign up with Dick, Helen or Phyllis. We need  
helpers also. Thanks again for all you did to help us.  
\*FATHER LILIES may be ordered now. The price is \$8.50.  
Please drop me a note in the offering plate or see me in  
the office. Please be sure to mark to whom they are in  
memory of.

\*LOVE LOAVES are in the Narthex if you have not already  
picked yours up. They are to be returned on Easter Sunday.  
This year the funds will go to World Visions project of  
Children Immunizations in 7 countries in Africa.

READ "GROWTH MATTER" 1/11/90  
AND FOR 5 STEP

At the close of the service the invitation is extended to  
each worshipper to respond to God's leading for your  
life. This invitation gives the opportunity to accept  
Christ, to pray, to meditate, or to seek counseling.  
The Altar is open to everyone. The Pastor will assist  
you if you desire.

Community Bible Church - Sagamore, Pa. - March 22, 1992

Prelude  
Announcements/Greetings/Prayer Requests

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Ascription

Call to Worship:

THE LORD IS NIGH TO ALL WHO CALL UPON HIM:  
TO ALL WHO CALL UPON HIM IN TRUTH.  
HE FULFILLS THE DESIRE OF ALL WHO FEAR HIM:  
HE ALSO HEARS THEIR CRY, AND SAVES THEM.

\*Hymn

Offering/Prayer

\*Doxology

Pastoral Prayer

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Scripture: John 14:1-6

Sermon: "He Left Us: Comfort"

\*Hymn

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

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"He Left Us: Comfort"

Scripture: John 14:1-6

(Illustration of Merrill Womach and his comfort in the midst of his pain and suffering)

Merrill Womach who is a Christian singer today was piloting his plane when it struck a tree during takeoff in the winter of 1961. The plane caught fire and Mr. Womach tumbled out of that plane, his body engulfed in flames. Some people found him and put him in their car and drove him to the hospital. If you read his book and saw the pictures of this man, you know that his head and face were so horribly burned, people got sick at the sight of him. These people driving him to the hospital were shocked and amazed to hear a voice coming from this incinerated human the words:

I've found the dear Savior and I'm made whole,  
I'm pardoned and have my release.  
His Spirit abiding and blessing my soul,  
Praise God, in my heart there is peace.  
Wonderful peace, wonderful peace.  
When I think how He brought me from darkness to light,  
There's a wonderful, wonderful peace.

Where do you turn when ~~all~~ your world falls apart and everything collapses around you? For Merrill Womach it was to the One that he knew he could trust no matter what.

It was Martin Luther who <sup>called</sup> ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ our Scripture passage, "the best and most comforting sermon that the Lord Christ delivered on earth, a treasure and a jewel not to be purchased with the world's goods."

It was these words of ~~Jesus~~ Jesus which became the only comfort the disciples had at this time and from that time forward. Jesus had just told them that He was going to die and this would be brought about by one of them. He had rebuked Peter and told him that he would deny Him. For the disciples these were dark hours and they didn't understand all of this. How could they? They believed that the life they had with Jesus would continue on indefinitely. He was THE ONE the people of Israel had been looking for. But now! Now! their world was collapsing. Jesus knew their need and anticipated the sorrow they ~~would~~ would feel and endure and so He gives them comfort, upon comfort in these verses.

He began by saying, "Let not your heart be troubled," verse 1A. What He was actually saying in the true meaning of this phrase was, "Stop letting your hearts be troubled." He had just informed them of these final events of His life. He knew that prior to this they had been anxious about many things and now ~~this~~ this revelation made them even more anxious. So He said, "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in Me." verse 1.

Their faith had been in God whom they could not see. Unseeing, they believed. So Jesus is telling them, "You can't see God and yet you believe, and you can see Me, so believe in Me whom you can see, just like you believe in God whom you can't see." His message was that they should keep on believing and not let the future events cause them to fall away from that faith.

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Peter, writing to believers at a later time wrote, ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~  
"Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom though now ye see Him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory," 1 Peter 1:8

We haven't seen Jesus, yet we know that He is alive; that He is with us and that no matter what the circumstances or the problem He is there to comfort us.

Then Jesus added a promise, "In My Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you." verse 2.

Jesus wanted them to know that in eternity they could be with Him and He was not trying to trick or deceive them. He said, "In My Father's house." The temple was called, "The House of God."



They could look upon heaven much like they did the temple. The temple also had many chambers or rooms in it. So Jesus is giving them something they could comprehend. He is pointing out that in heaven there was room for everyone. Here is the One who came into the world, and the world received Him not. At the Inn, Mary and Joseph were told, "There was no room." But in God's House, there is room for any and all who will come to Him. Jesus reassured His disciples "If it were not so I would have told you." Like all the people of Israel they believed that God had a place for them in heaven and Jesus is saying that their past belief was well founded and if it weren't, He would have told them otherwise. He told them when He went back to heaven He would make everything ready for each believer. And to further give them this confidence, He added, "And If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself that where I am, there you may be also." verse 3.

He is speaking of His return to earth again. This is called "The Second Coming" in the Church. It is an event in the future and to some extent this is a doctrine which is either largely ignored by many Christians, or it is something that others are constantly thinking and talking about. The world events which are now taking place give rise to new speculation that that day is not too far off. But I believe the point which is missed about this passage is that Jesus is promising a personal appearance to believers in one way or another. Many will see Him ~~then~~ collectively if He appears before they leave this earth in death. But for the vast majority of believers, Jesus will come in the last moments of life and personally escort them to His Father's House. His invitation is there. "That where I am, there you may be also." ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Two things are certain. The first is that He came to earth and lived His life and worked His ministry, and He died on the cross and rose from the grave, and ascended back to the Father. ~~XX~~ The second is, that sometime, somehow, He will return to take those who are His to be with Him. There is the total picture of comfort. The point Jesus was making was simply that He would always be with those who were His.

(Illustration of little girl sharing her grief with her playmate's mother)

A little girl had a playmate living next door who became ill and died. Several days after the funeral the little girl came into the house and told her mother that she had gone next door to comfort the sorrowing mother. Her mother asked her, "What did you say?" She replied, "Nothing, I just climbed up on her lap and cried with her."

This is the comfort that Jesus was telling His disciples about. No matter what the circumstances of life, His promise is that He will be there, and ultimately He will come back for His own.

It is then that He said to them, "And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know." verse 4.

But Thomas, wanting to understand what He was saying, asked, "Lord, we know not whither Thou goest; and how can we know the way." verse 5.

Jesus was simply saying that they were aware that He was going to go the way of all flesh and die. And they knew how to live and continue to seek after God. And Thomas was looking for clarification. So then Jesus says, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me," verse 6.

Here is a complete sermon in itself. But to state it simply is that Jesus was telling them that it is only through Him that anyone can have that special relationship with God. He was saying that He and He alone is able to restore man from his fallen state, to fellowship with

God. He was simply saying, "Trust Me, follow Me, I'll take you there." He does not ~~xxx~~ simply show us the directions to the Father's house, He carries us there. For the Christian death is not to be feared. Whether we die, or whether He takes us in the Rapture, we know that we can trust Him to take us home, to our Father's House.

(Illustration of Augustus Toplady and his death)

August Toplady who wrote the hymn, "Rock of Ages," died in London at the age of thirty-eight. When death drew near he said, "It is my dying vow that these great and glorious truths which the Lord in rich mercy has given me to believe and enabled me to preach are now brought into practical and heartfelt experience. They are the very joy and support of my soul. The comfort ~~xxxxxx~~ flowing from them carries me far above the things of time and sin. Had I wings like a dove I would fly away to the bosom of God and be at rest."

About an hour before he died he seemed to awaken from a gentle slumber, and his last words were, "Oh! What delight! Who can fathom the joy of heaven! I know it cannot be long now until my Savior will come for me." And then bursting into a flood of tears he said, "All is light, light, light, the brightness of His own glory. Oh come Lord Jesus, come. Come quickly!" And he closed his eyes.

To him, the words God inspired him to write were a true reality. "Rock of ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee." Jesus is all that we need. He is the way, the truth, and the life. He is our map. He is our only constant comfort. He invites us to come to Him and He in turn will come to us. "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am there you may be also."

St. Paul's United Church of Christ  
Butler, Pennsylvania  
Rev. Ralph Link, Pastor March 25, 1990  
Mr. Robert Weisenstein, Liturgist  
Mr. Dale Fice, Minister of Music  
Mr. Roland Thompson, Saxophonist  
Acolytes: Jenny Gannon and Wesley Miller  
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ORDER OF WORSHIP 11:00 A.M.

Prelude  
Chiming of the Hour  
Announcements  
Congregational Greeting  
Joys  
Prayer Requests  
\*Processional Hymn No. 363 "To God Be the Glory"  
\*Ascription  
\*Exhortation  
\*Confession (In Unison) "Lord, we do not understand our own actions; for we do not do the good we want to do; but the evil we do not want, that is what we do. We do not do the thing we want to do, but the very thing we hate is what we do. We can will what is right, but somehow cannot do it. Father, we believe; help our unbelief. All this we ask in the Master's name. Amen."  
\*Kyrie  
\*Assurance of Pardon  
\*Praise: Leader - Blessed be the Lord God  
People - And blessed be His glorious name forever.  
\*Gloria Patri - page 42  
Children's Moment  
Hymn No. 79 "Trusting Jesus"  
Call to Prayer: Pastor - The Lord be with You  
People - And with Thy Spirit  
Pastor - Let us pray.  
Morning Prayer  
Offering  
Offertory  
\*Exology - page 364  
Anthem: "Jesus In The Morning"  
Scripture: John 14: 7-14  
Sermon: "He Left Us: Deity"  
\*Invitational Hymn No. 228 "I Will Sing Of My Redeemer"

\*Closing Chimes  
\*Benediction  
\*Postlude

\*\*\*\*\* \*Congregation Standing \*\*\*\*\*  
The beautiful flowers on the Altar have been placed by Mrs. Genevieve Kobach in memory of Nick Nohrich.  
Mrs. Catherine Conanton will greet our members and guests at the door this morning.

Serving as Ushers today are Dick Mangel, Dick Dally, Don Kingsley and Donley Martin.  
Nursery will be provided today by Mrs. Joan Campbell.  
Van Driver for next Sunday will be Dick Mangel.  
Attendance Last Sunday was 110 with 9 visitors.  
Paul Riemer and Donley Martin will be visiting the hospital this week.

> Hospitalized: Clarence Wolfe in BWH.

> SOUP & SANWICH Luncheon will follow the church service in Rehsbott Hall. This is sponsored by the Youth Group. Please join them in support of their projects.

> NEW MEMBERS will be taken into the church on Palm Sunday, April 8th. If you or anyone you know may be interested in joining, please see the Pastor.

The new ferns which grace the chancel area were given to the church by Mr. & Mrs. Alvin Tait. Thanks!!! They help make the church look brighter.

GOOD FRIDAY BREAKFAST will be held on April 13th at 8:00 -

Tickets are \$3.00 each and you may purchase them from

Howdy Bolan or Jake Harmon. It is held at the YMCA. Tuesday evening, 6:30 we will set up the hall for the Wednesday Fish Fry. Come out and help us. Also don't forget to bring in your cakes and pies on Wednesday. If you would like to volunteer to help, please see Dick, Helen or Rayliss.

> EASTER LILLIES are now to be ordered. The price is \$4.00 each. Ordering deadline is April 8th. Please drop me a note in the offering plate or let the office know. BENEVOLENCE committee will meet on April 2nd at 7:00 P.M. CHURCH COUNCIL meeting will be held on April 4th at 7:00 P.M.

At the close of the service the invitation is extended to each worshipper to respond to God's leading for your life. This invitation gives the opportunity to accept Christ, to pray, to meditate, or to seek counseling. The Altar is open to everyone. The Pastor will assist you if you desire.

Community Bible Church - Sagamore, Pa. - April 5, 1992

Prelude

Announcements/Greetings/Joys/Prayer Requests

Acception

Call to Worship:

O MAGNIFY THE LORD WITH ME, AND LET US EXALT HIS NAME  
TOGETHER.  
O TASTE AND SEE THAT THE LORD IS GOOD: BLESSED IS THE MAN  
THAT TRUSTETH IN HIM.  
O FEAR THE LORD, YE HIS SAINTS: FOR THERE IS NO WANT TO  
THEM THAT FEAR HIM.

\*Hymn

Offering/Prayer

Doxology

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn

Scripture: John 14:7-14

Sermon: "He Left Us: Deity" - 3/25/90 - Butler, St. Paul's

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Benediction

Postlude

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## "He Left No: Deity"

Scripture: John 14:7-14

(Illustration of little girl drawing picture of God)

A little girl asked her mother for some paper to draw a picture. Her mother got her the paper and she said the paper wasn't big enough, did she have a bigger piece. The mother gave her a bigger piece and she took her crayons and began to draw. Her father asked her, "What are you drawing, honey?" She answered, "A picture of God." Her dad answered, "But nobody knows what God looks like." The girl replied, "They will when I'm done."

The age old question has always been, "What does God look like?" We read in Scripture at the creation of man that God says, "Let us make man in our image." So the answer is that God must look something like us, or more accurately, we look something like God. Man has always tried to draw mental pictures of God using ~~xxxxxx~~ analogies of all kinds. Perhaps the most frequent way of trying to picture God has come down to us through the medium of writing about the Baby

Jesus. Francis Thompson wrote:

"Little Jesus, wast Thou shy  
Once, and just so small as I?  
And what did it feel to be  
Out of heaven and just like me?"

George Mac Donald wrote:

"They were all looking for a king  
To slay their foes and lift them high;  
Thou camest, a little baby thing,  
That made a woman cry."

Another unknown person wrote:

"There was a knight of Bethlehem  
Whose wealth was tears and sorrows;  
His men at arms were little lambs,  
His trumpeters were sparrows"

~~xxxxxx~~ As the ministry of Jesus was coming to a dramatic close, the few remaining hours and minutes left to them Jesus used to teach His disciples some things they still needed to know. In the previous 6 verses of this 14th chapter of John we read how Jesus sought to comfort His followers by telling them that although He was leaving them in the near future, He would prepare a place in heaven to await them when they departed this earth. He pointed out that He was the only way open for anyone to come to God. Now He makes a very profound theological statement by saying, "If ye had known Me, ye should have known My Father also: and from henceforth ye know Him, and have seen Him," verse 7.

He is basically saying that if they saw Him, they saw God, because He and God were one. He makes this very statement after Philip had asked for Jesus to show them the Father, and that would satisfy their curiosity concerning God and what He looked like. He said, "He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father," verse 9B.

Philip's question about God was legitimate. All along, each step of this ministry they had shared with Jesus over the last three years had gradually given them proof that He was the promised Messiah sent from God. But now they were being told that His life was about to end and this just didn't fit the concept of what the Messiah was to be. He was invincible and no one was to defeat Him. Or so they thought. Now they were confused. So Jesus then elaborates further to prove what He is saying, by adding, (Read verses 10 & 11). Jesus was telling them that there were two distinct things which proved to them that He was God. The first proof was, "The words that I speak unto you I speak not of Myself."

It was in the previous fall of the year during the Feast of the Tabernacles that Jesus had

secretly slipped into the temple to observe the feast. The religious leaders there were desirous of having him arrested. But no one made any effort to do so. When the chief priest and the Pharisees questioned why Jesus had not been arrested, the officers of the temple answered, "Never man spake like this man," John 9:46. The one thing which should have proved that He indeed was God, was His words. Not only did He speak Scripturally, but He spoke with authority where would a lowly son of a carpenter get such knowledge as Jesus imparted? These were the questions asked by many others. But these disciples should have known differently. That is why Jesus rebuked Philip. What Philip was expressing was a lack of faith. Probably, all the other disciples were feeling the same thing, but only Philip expressed it.

(Illustration of father and son, and house fire)

Early one morning a father was awakened by the smoke detector in his basement. He woke his wife and they quickly went to their children's bedroom and woke them up. They started heading toward the door through the smoke which was getting quite heavy. He was carrying his one and a half-year-old daughter in his arms and holding the hand of his four-year-old son. The boy was scared and unsure of what was happening, pulled away from his father and ran to what he thought was a place of safety -- a corner of his room where his favorite stuffed animals were kept. The father got outside and called to his son who appeared at the bedroom window, crying and calling for help. The father told him to jump, but the boy said, "I can't see you." The father called back, "That's alright, I can see you."

The disciples were like this from the respect that they were seeing God every day they had walked and talked, and fellowshiped with Jesus. But they still didn't see Him. At a still later time Jesus had to deal with this same lack of faith all over again. It was after the resurrection and Thomas had said he wouldn't believe that it was Jesus arisen from the grave unless he touched the wounds in His hands and side. Jesus answered when Thomas finally did see Him, "Blessed are they who have not seen and yet have believed." Faith demands that we accept many things which we cannot see and this is what Jesus was trying to tell Philip and the others who perhaps doubted as much as he.

But the second element Jesus pointed out that proved that He was God was His works. He said, "The Father that dwelleth in Me, He doeth the works," verse 103.

Jesus did some marvelous things which ~~any~~ someone could only do ~~ix~~ with God's help. No human had been able to perform the mighty miracles which Jesus did time after time. These deeds in themselves should have proved conclusively who He was. Yet, the disciples hearing and knowing the scepticism around them, questioned like everyone else. Jesus answer to ~~xxx~~ Philip and them was the pointed reply, "Believe Me that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me: or else believe Me for the very works sake," verse 11.

In other words, "If you cannot believe that I am God, then the works which I have done should be proof enough that I am God in the flesh." But man has always wrestled with the revelation of God through Jesus Christ. A woman named Laura Grace Eisenhower, of Phoenix, Arizona looks at it from the standpoint of God talking to Jesus and questioning His walk on earth among men.

She writes: I wonder if ever amongst the One in Three  
One asked Another One, "How does it feel  
to walk with time and flesh our little earth;  
How does it feel, My Son?"  
And could He tell  
The barefoot feel of grass fresh-wet with dew;  
The splashing of the sea upon the sand;  
Sudden breeze with honeysuckle laden;  
To human ears the meadowlark's entreaty,  
To human eyes the daisy-covered hill;



To climb with young-limbed strength the strong oak.  
Or stretch oneself to rest in its cool shade;  
To watch as poets watch a thousand skies  
and never see them twice the same;  
To know the earthly rapture of the dawn,  
Earth's turning, yearning, reaching out for light;  
And then, when day is done, to know as well  
The softness and blessedness of night;

To remember the tenderness of mother's touch;  
To walk as other boys, as man  
With other men and women -- know devotion  
As earthly love, prerequisite to heaven?

And would he say, with thankfulness, that this,  
To have known both earth and heaven, and to be  
Both God and man, is His eternal bliss?

His life and walk among us, was indeed God in the flesh. Someone wrote about Jesus appearing in certain seminaries today and asking the question, "Who do you say that I am?" And the answer would be: "You are the eschatological manifestation of the kerygma in which we recognize the ultimate significance of our interpersonal relations."

And Jesus would probably say, "What?"

Theologians have tried to explain Him with catch phrases and his words. Common man has either simply accepted Him or ignored Him. But Jesus, trying to explain that He was God, walked out of that room that night to prove who He really was the next day on a cross. Only a fool or a madman would let himself be taken captive and executed for crimes He didn't commit. Jesus was neither a fool, nor a madman and by His ~~death~~ acceptance of death at the hands of those who perpetrated the deed, He proved that He had to be God. "He Left Us," the fact that God came to earth, for us individually. He was - "Deity" or God. And God invites us to know Himself, through Jesus Christ, and to share that special relationship through Him.



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ORDER OF WORSHIP 11:00 A.M.

Prelude  
Chiming of the Hour  
Announcements  
Congregational Greeting  
Joys  
Prayer Requests  
"Processional Hymn No. 422 "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"  
Ascription  
Exhortation  
"Confession ( In Unison) Most merciful Father, we confess  
that we have sinned against you and against our  
fellowman. We have followed too closely the pathway  
that was easy, and we have done whatever we desired.  
We have failed to praise you with our words and  
deeds, and we have ignored the needs of others. Even  
though we have known your will for our lives, we  
have failed to follow it. Grant your mercy unto  
us, O Father, as we express our regret for that  
which we have done. Receive us again into your fold,  
as we would endeavor to go forth serving you more  
faithfully, in the name of Christ. Amen.

"Kyrie  
"Assurance of Pardon  
Priase: Leader - Blessed be the Lord God  
People - And blessed be His glorious name forever.  
"Gloria Patri - page 142  
Children's Moment  
Hymn No. 161 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"  
Call to Prayer: Pastor - The Lord be with You  
People - And with Thy Spirit  
Pastor - Let us pray.

Morning Prayer  
Offering  
Offertory - "The Old Rugged Cross"  
Exology - page 382  
Anthem: "Fairrest Lord Jesus"  
Scripture John 4: 15-26

Sermon: "He Left Us: The Comforter"  
"Invitational Hymn No. 147 "Spirit of God, Descend upon  
my Heart"

\*Closing Chimes  
\*Benediction  
\*Postlude  
\* + + + + + \*Congregation Standing \* + + + + +  
The beautiful flowers on the altar have been placed by  
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Stewart in memory of Loved Ones.  
Mr. & Mrs. Dick Dally will greet our members and guests  
at the door this morning.  
Isbering today are Marty Henry, John Snow, Walter  
Hollefreund, and Jeff Snyder.  
Nursery will be provided today by Mrs. Diana Hollefreund.  
Van Driver for next Sunday will be Dick Mangel.  
Attendance last Sunday was 121 with 9 visitors.  
Jim Gannon and Ginny Mangel will be visiting the hospital  
this week.  
Hospitalized: Clarence Wolfe and Becky Shearer in BMH. < <  
The Activities Committee would like to thank all of its  
workers and bakers for their generous contributions to  
another successful Fish Fry. Without your help and  
support our efforts would be in vain. Thanks again!!!  
NEW MEMBERS will be taken into the church on April 8th. <  
If you would like to join our church family" please see  
the Pastor or let the office know.  
GOOD FRIDAY BREAKFAST - see Jake or Howdy for tickets. The <  
price is \$3.00 each. This is held at 6:00 A.M. at the  
YMCA on April 13th.  
EASTER LILLIES can be ordered. The price is \$5.50 each. <  
Please drop me a note if you would like to purchase one.  
They are used to decorate for Easter Sunday, so lets  
help beautify the church on such a wonderful day.  
BENEFOLLENCE meeting Monday evening at 7 P.M.  
COUNCIL MEETING on Wednesday at 7 P.M.  
SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS meeting April 10th at 7 P.M.  
EASTER SUNRISE BREAKFAST - 6:30 A.M. on Easter Sunday. We  
are now taking reservations for the breakfast. Also we  
would like the ladies or men to bake us some breakfast  
rolls. If you can bake and to make your reservations,  
see Dick Mangel. Dick is also looking for a few good  
men to cook the breakfast. Please let him know by the 10th.  
At the close of the service the invitation is extended to  
each worshipper to respond to God's leading for your  
life. This invitation gives the opportunity to accept  
Christ, to pray, to meditate, or to seek counseling.  
The Altar is open to everyone. The Pastor will assist  
you if you desire.



Area 1 wrote: Cor 2:10-14 - Hm... 2/  
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 who wud cum 2them - Vs 173  
 then went on 2say=Vs 26  
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 (Thus city dwellr & dry cow)  
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 still availB any & all Blievrs  
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 but it lean, or lak of lean on H Sp wh/detrms how indwelt perB  
 is  
 ther thoz giv evidenc H Sp whil many others seem 2hav lak of Sp  
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 we need 2ask G 2direc us thru H Sp & He wil  
 (Thus G Harding Wood & leading of H Sp)  
 & G did send sumbody  
 He promptd chauffr's preachr 2ask bout employr wh/ppn way 4yng  
 man 2hear Gospl  
 & G Guz that 2ea us wen indwels us w/H Sp & we hav indwel wen  
 hav Nu BIRTH  
 & how many us & really follo lead of H Sp?  
 how many us incted 2 sit oak & do nuth 2cauz that not our job?  
 how many us & seek 2tel dyng frends neighbors go 2spen etrnty  
 in Hel w/out Yp??  
 how many of us quench H Sp tim aftr tim???  
 & provid His H Spso we can & cude efectiv witnes 4 Him  
 we can 2hav that Sp of Truth teach us all things,  
 & bring 2our remem all Jc sed 2us  
 His invitatin is 2 - 1st all acct Jc Xp as l & sav & then  
 let H Sp direc us w/mesag 2others  
 Wil we accept that invitatin 2day?

### "He Left Me: The Comforter"

Scripture: John 14:17-26

(Illustration of Bobby picking up his toys)

The family pastor stopped at the home of one of his younger members. Their young son was busy picking up his toys in the living room where he had scattered them. The pastor commended him for doing this and asked, "Did your mother promise you something for picking them up?" Bobby answered, "No sir, but she promised me something if I didn't."

Promises are a part of life. We receive promises from merchants and stores who desire to have us make purchases from them; we receive promises from politicians and office seekers; and we also receive promises in the spiritual realm. If you ~~xxx~~ read the Old Testament of the Bible you are well aware that God promised the Israelites many things concerning blessings or curses which were determined by their obedience or lack of it. In our Scripture this morning, Jesus is promising His followers a means of His presence even after He was no longer with them. In fact, this portion of Scripture begins with a promise much like God made to His people as recorded in the Old Testament. Jesus said, "If ye love Me, keep My commandments," verse 15. Jesus was not setting forth something which was contrary to that which God had given. All that He was saying, was that if they were to be true followers of His, their lives were to reflect that by obedience to what He had taught them and shown them. Jesus was aware that ~~After~~ His departure from them, His followers were going to be like He had said, "As sheep without a shepherd." His thrust in this chapter has been to give them the assurance of His continued presence with them. But how could He do this? How would they understand or begin to comprehend this? To do so He told them, "And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another comforter, that He may abide with you for ever: even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him: but ye know Him; for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you," verses 16-17.

We need to first understand that Jesus did not "pray" that God would accomplish this. That old English word of "pray" is not adequate. The word should be rendered, "Ask." In that context, Jesus, in consultation with the Father determined that the only way the presence of Jesus could continue in believers lives, would be if those lives were indwelt by the presence of God. So it was determined by the Father and the Son, that "Another Comforter" come to them. The word "Another" in Greek is significant because as many other words there were several meanings for the word. The word "Another" as written here has the meaning of "someone just like Me." So Jesus was saying that the Godhead had determined that "Someone like Jesus" should come to His followers to be ~~thxxx~~ with them forever.

The word "Comforter" in Greek is "Paracletos" and it means, "one who is called alongside." It was a person who may have been called in a lawsuit to give testimony in someone's favor; it might be a witness to testify when a serious penalty might be enacted; it might be an expert called to give advice; or it might have been someone called in to give a pep talk to encourage a troop of soldiers going into battle. So what Jesus is saying is, "I am sending you someone exactly like Me who will stand alongside you as you live for Me." The disciples had Jesus as their "paraclete" for 3 years. He had helped them, comforted them, and walked beside them. Now they would have another helper - but One exactly like Jesus. This promise was not just to these frightened and discouraged disciples, but to any and all who are believers. We have two



"paraclets" actually. We have the Holy Spirit, God within us, and we have Jesus Christ at the right hand of the Father. John tells us this in his first letter where he explains that we, "have an advocate with the Father." And that word "advocate" is the same word used here ~~xx~~ it is "Paraclete."

The disciples must have felt a sense of comfort and relief to know that the very presence of their Master would go with them and be with them. But the assurance from Jesus was not to be for just a short period of time. He told them, "That He might abide with you forever," vs 16. Jesus told them that this "paraclete," or "one alongside" would be "The Spirit of truth." Jesus had just told them, "I am the way, the truth." God is truth, and this Spirit would be Truth, the very essence of God. And the disciples were being told that they would understand this Spirit, but the world would not. If the world did not recognize the First Comforter, Jesus Himself, how could they recognize the second Comforter which they wouldn't be able to see? It was the Apostle Paul writing about this very thing to the people in Corinth who said, (Read 1 Cor 2:12-14). In other words, the only way a man can understand the things of God is to have the Spirit of God. Jesus was telling His followers that after He left this earth there would be His Spirit who would come to them. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ "For He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you," verse 17.

is what He told them. But then He went on to say, (Read verse 26). Not only would they have ~~xx~~ the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit, but the Holy Spirit would be at work in them. Jesus was telling them that the Holy Spirit was there for their guidance and direction as they sought to serve Him and carry His message to the world.

(Illustration of city dweller and dry cow)

A city dweller moved to a farm and bought a cow. Shortly after he did, the cow went dry. When he reported this fact to a neighbor farmer, the farmer expressed surprise. The city man said he was surprised too. "I can't understand it either, for if ever a person was considerate of an animal, I was of that cow. If I only needed a quart, I took only a quart. If I didn't need any milk, I wouldn't milk her." The farmer then explained that the only way to keep milk flowing is not to take as little as possible from the cow, but to take as much as possible.

This is the principle Jesus was outlining to His disciples. The Holy Spirit was to be in them, and it was His job to direct them into remembering what Jesus did and then doing the work, and to grow in additional teaching which the Holy Spirit would lead them into. They were being told that the indwelling would take place, but of necessity they had to be available for it. And they were as we learn from reading the account in the 2nd chapter of the book of Acts. It is there that we read the very vivid and moving account of what the power of the Holy Spirit can do in the lives of people who put themselves at the disposal of the Holy Spirit. Now although that account records a miraculous event, that indwelling and presence, and power of the Holy Spirit is still available to any and all believers. At the rebirth of a person, or the point when he comes to Christ, the Holy Spirit takes residence in that person's life. But it is the leaning or lack of leaning on the Holy Spirit which determines how indwelt the person is.

There are those who give evidence of the Holy Spirit within while many others seem to have a lack of the Spirit. The point is that it is up to us to seek the Spirit's leading for our lives. We need to ask God to direct us through His Spirit and He will.

(Illustration of G. Harding Wood and leading of Holy Spirit)

A preacher named G. Harding Wood tells of a time when he was a vicar in Hampstead, England. He visited the chauffeur at one of the big houses in the area. When he was finished talking to the chauffeur he asked if he could meet his employer. The chauffeur took him to the owner of the estate and rich man and preacher began to have a conversation. The man said he was so rich he didn't know how much money he had. The vicar then asked, "Are you a Christian?" The young man said, "I want to tell you something. I am not religious, I don't go to church and I don't pray. But not long ago I was in the north in a cathedral city and I had an overwhelming desire to pray. I went inside and knelt down; I don't know how long I prayed, but a voice seemed to say to me, 'Go home at once, and I will send somebody to speak to you about Me.' That was three days ago, and I have been waiting."

And God did send somebody. He prompted the preacher to ask about the chauffeur's employer which opened the way for that young man to hear the gospel. And God does that to each of us when He indwells us with His Holy Spirit; and He indwells us with His Holy Spirit when we ~~have~~ ~~us~~ have the new birth. But how many of us really are following the leading of the Holy Spirit? How many of us instead are sitting back and doing nothing because that is not our job? How many of us are seeking to tell our lost and dying friends and neighbors that they are going to spend eternity in Hell without Christ? How many of us quench the Holy Spirit time after time? God provided His Holy Spirit so we can and could be effective witnesses for Him. He wants us to have that Spirit of truth teaching us all things, and bringing to our remembrance all that Jesus has said to us. His invitation is to first of all accept Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior and then to let His Holy Spirit direct us with that message to others. Will you accept that invitation today?

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ORDER OF WORSHIP 11:00 A.M.

Prelude

Chiming of the Hour

Announcements

Congregational Greeting

Joys

Prayer Requests

\*Processional Hymn No. 394 "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"

\*Ascription

\*Call to Worship

Leader - "And the multitudes that went before, and  
that followed, cried, saying: Hosanna to  
the Son of David."

People - "Blessed is He that cometh in the name of  
the Lord. Hosanna in the highest."

Invocation (In Unison) A King of kings art Thou, O Christ.

Thy throne is established in righteousness. Monarchs  
are swept away by the passing of time and the changing  
of circumstances; but Thou dost forever reign. We  
adore Thee as the King of our lives; we worship Thee  
as our Savior; we rejoice in Thee as friend. Receive  
now our worship and praise Lord Jesus, who with the  
Father and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, ever  
one God, world without end. Amen.

\*Praise: Pastor - Blessed be the Lord God

People - And blessed be His glorious name forever.

\*Gloria Patri - page 142

Children's Moment

Hymn No. 249 "All Glory, Laud and Honor"

Call to Prayer: Pastor - The Lord be with You

People - And with Thy Spirit

Pastor - Let us pray.

Morning Prayer

Offering

Offertory

\*Exology - page 182

The Reception of New Members

Anthem: "His Unconditional Love"

Scripture: John 14:27

Sermon: "He Left Us: Peace"

\*Invitational Hymn No. 595 "Lead On, O King Eternal"

\*Closing Chimes

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

\*Congregation Standing

The beautiful flowers on the altar have been placed by

Mr. & Mrs. George Pflugh in memory of daughter Pam.

Mrs. Mid Diefenderfer will greet our members and friends

at the door this morning.

Joining today are Marilyn Snyder, Vicki Winrader, Reita

DeMusk and Kathy Gada.

Nursery will be provided today by Mrs. Sandy Weyand.

Van Driver for the next weeks services will be:

Maundy Thursday - Joe Youngblood

Good Friday - Mike Roper

Easter Sunday - Dick Dally

Attendance last Sunday was 110 with 11 visitors.

Lloyd Link and Ray Isherwood will be visiting the hospital

this week.

Hospitalized: Harold Peters and Clarence Diamond in PNK.

Evelyn Tack

\*ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK:

Tuesday - 7 P.M. all Sunday School Teachers to meet.

Thursday - a special Maundy Thursday service including

the observance of the Last Supper - 7:40 P.M.

Friday - Good Friday service at 7:40 P.M. We will

observe the Lord's Supper also.

Today will be the last opportunity to order an Easter Lil.

The price is \$5.50 each. Please drop a note in the

offering plate or stop to see Ginny.

We still have a few Easter Eggs left. They are \$5.00 each

and are Maple Nut and Cherry Nut flavors. They are in

the office if you would like one.

Remember to see Dick Mangel if you would like to place a

reservation for the Easter Sunrise Breakfast. They are

due in by April 10th. Come join us on such a glorious

morning as we celebrate our risen Lord.

We welcome into the church today Dolly Widger, Bob Peters,

Mr. & Mrs. Gary Johnston, and Diana Moehn. Please take

a minute and make them feel welcome and at home in the

Lord's house.

At the close of the service the invitation is extended to

each worshipper to respond to God's leading for your

life. The altar is open to everyone. The Pastor will

assist you if you desire.

Announcements/Greetings/Joys/Prayer Requests

THE LORD OF HOSTS, HE IS THE KING OF GLORY.

\* Postlude

1990





## "He Left Us: Peace"

Scripture: John 14:27

What is your reaction the day after Christmas? What are your feelings? If you are an adult you may well express a sense of relief. But if you are a child, (literally, or at heart), you may express a sense of disappointment. The reason - there is a buildup leading toward the day and when the day finally arrives, it seems to go so fast that it's gone before it can be completely enjoyed. The disciples of Jesus had been told by him that an event was going to take place the day following the Sabbath Day. ~~which was the first day of the week,~~ On this first day of the week, in the week which they would celebrate the Passover the disciples were given instructions to make the necessary preparations for this special event. Matthew records this in the 21st chapter of his Gospel and we read, (read verses 6-11). But that was Sunday, and this was Thursday and that wonderful event was just a memory of the brief happiness they had experienced with him. Now, he had informed them he was going to be ~~killed~~ taken away from them, and be killed. He had tried to speak words of comfort to them, but were they hearing what he was saying? His words of being all-sufficient for their needs; the coming into their lives of another person just like himself; and his promise that this "Comforter" would guide and direct them must have seemed like so many empty words and phrases. How could they possibly feel anything but confusion and frustration?

But Jesus was aware of their frustrated and mixed up feelings. So he said to them, "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you," verse 27a.

"Oh great," they must have been thinking. ~~How~~ Now he is talking about peace. How can we possibly have any peace with all of this hanging over our heads? But they were missing the whole point of what he was saying and what had taken place thus far. The prophet Isaiah had said of the Messiah that he would be called, "The Prince of Peace." At the birth of Jesus the angels sang of "Glory to God in the highest and on earth, peace, goodwill toward men." These disciples knew the scriptures speaking about the Messiah; and they were probably privileged to the information concerning his birth in Bethlehem. And just a few days ago when the parade in Jerusalem took place they must have missed the whole point of that as well. When Jesus came into Jerusalem, the very name of the city was, "The city of Peace." His ride through the street on a donkey was a giveaway of who and what he was. A king as he was called, riding on a donkey, came in peace. If he rode a horse, he was a conqueror. Luke records in his account of the parade through Jerusalem that the people shouted, "Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord: PRAISE in heaven, and glory in the highest," Luke 19:38.

Surely they had heard these words as well. So when Jesus said he was leaving them "His Peace," why wouldn't they understand it? Or why couldn't they understand it?

As we think about this we need to understand that the word "Peace" which Jesus was using, meant, "Shalom," in Hebrew, and Eirene in Greek. Both words meant exactly the same thing. Shalom, or Eirene mean "Peace," and the word was used as a salutation, and as a benediction. Upon meeting someone it was customary to say "Shalom." And when taking leave of someone it was customary to say "Shalom." The word is similar to our use of the term, "How are you?" Now if you consider that phrase and compare its meaning today, you can perhaps see why the disciples were rather unmoved by what Jesus was saying. The phrase "How are you?" is quite often an

empty phrase which means nothing. Many times the person inquiring, "How are you?" is completely unconcerned about how the person is. I was visiting the hospital not too long ago and in the room where the person I went to see was an old man tied in his bed. The other person was out of the room and I wrote a note and put it on the headtable and looked at the old man, who was looking rather sad, and I asked him, "How are you?" And he answered, "You don't care how I am." And I told him I did care, or I wouldn't have asked. He didn't want me to pray with him, but I did in my heart. When you ask someone, "How are you?" do you really care? Shalom may have become like another phrase we toss around today such as, "Have a good day." Do we really mean that when we say it, or is it just something that everyone is saying? I feel like answering like the bumper sticker I saw, "Don't tell me what kind of day to have!" I'm going to have a good day, everyday, and nobody needs to tell me that. Every day is a good day when you are walking with the Lord.

But Jesus went on to say ~~xxx~~ not only that He was leaving them, "His Shalom," or, "His peace," but He said, "Not as the world giveth, give I unto you," verse 23.

Perhaps He was saying just exactly what we have said that the greeting had lost all meaning and purpose and Jesus said He didn't mean it like the world meant it. That may have been the case, but I believe it went much further than that. The world couldn't give the kind of peace that God can give. Paul wrote about this in his letter to the Romans and in the 1st chapter the first verse he said, "Therefore, being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."

And in his letter to the church in Philippi He wrote in the 4th chapter the 7th verse, "And the peace of God which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

In Romans it is "peace WITH God," and in Philippians it is, "the peace OF God." In both instances it is a peace which cannot come in any other way, but only from God. The world cannot give this peace because it doesn't have it. Man, without Jesus Christ, is at war with God. His very sinful life keeps him from a relationship with God and he is separated from Him. But when a man comes to God through Jesus Christ, he then has a personal relationship with God and then there is peace. The peace treaty was bought and paid for with the very lifeblood of Jesus Christ. This is what Paul is saying in his Roman letter. "Being justified," or "made right" with God, "we have peace WITH God through our Lord Jesus Christ."

In Philippians Paul looks at that peace from another angle. Paul is saying that there is a peace that comes only from God, which cannot be understood by the world, or by logical thinking, will bring comfort to a believer's heart and mind. And again, this is only possible through a relationship with Jesus Christ.. So how can we apply this to our lives? What does Jesus mean when He says He gives us His peace? What is Paul saying about the "Peace OF God?"

(Illustration of Eric Barker and his family lost at sea)

Eric Barker was a missionary from Great Britain who spent over 50 years in Portugal preaching the Gospel. During World War II, the situation became so critical that he was advised to send his wife and 8 children back to England for safety. He took that advice and evacuated not only his family, but his sister and her three children also left on the same ship. Barker remained behind to clear up some missionary matters. The Sunday after his loved ones had left, he stood before his congregation and announced, "I've just received word that all my family have arrived safely home." He then proceeded with the service as usual.

later, the full meaning of what he had said became known to the people. A German submarine had torpedoed the ship, and everyone on board had drowned. Barker had been given a telegram before the service, telling him that his entire family ~~had~~ was dead. But Barker knew that each of his family was a believer and he could say with assurance they had reached home safely.

That was it that enabled him to live above his circumstances, ~~xxxxxx~~ in spite of his overwhelming grief! It was this "peace" of God. And this is the only peace we can truly have in this life. We all have problems and troubles, but we can have Peace in the midst of them if we have that personal relationship with God. This is precisely what Jesus was trying to tell His disciples.

Does every day seem like a constant struggle with no answers? Do you always seem to be swimming upstream and not making any headway? Are you overwhelmed by your problems? If you are, there is only one way to resolve all of that and that is to come to the Savior and seek His peace. He said, "Peace I leave with you, My peace, I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."



St. Paul's United Church of Christ  
Butler, Pennsylvania  
Rev. Ralph Link, Pastor April 12, 1990  
Mr. Dale Rice, Minister of Music  
Narrator, Mr. Arthur Snyder

ORDER OF CELEBRATION

Prelude  
Chiming of the Hour  
Announcements  
Congregational Greeting  
\*Opening Hymn No. 260 "And Can It Be That I Should Gain?"  
\*Ascription  
Introductory Narration  
Disciples Dialogue  
Offering  
Offertory  
\*Doxology - page 382  
\*Offering Prayer  
Communion Hymn No. 246 "Man of Sorrows," "What a Name!"  
Blessing of the Bread  
Distribution of the Bread  
Blessing of the Cup  
Distribution of the Cup  
Thanksgiving Prayer  
Closing Hymn No. 244 "Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners"  
Closing Narration  
Postlude  
\*Congregation Standing  
Mrs. Phyllis Tait will greet our members and friends at the door this evening.  
Our Disciples will be serving as Ushers and serving the Lord's Supper.  
Nursery will be provided tonight by Mrs. Bonnie Gannon.

Following the service this evening, a reception for our new and old members will be held in Rehoboth Hall. This is an opportunity to introduce yourself and become friends. This is also an opportunity for you to meet the "Disciples."

Van Driver for Good Friday is Mike Roper.

Van Driver for Easter Sunday is Dick Dally.

GOOD FRIDAY service will be held at 7:30 P.M. in the Sanctuary. The Lord's Supper will also be observed.

EASTER SUNRISE BREAKFAST will be held immediately

following the Sunrise Service at 6:30 A.M. on Sunday morning. This is done by reservations, so please see Dick Mangel if you would like to come. This will allow us time to make adequate preparations. Don't forget to bring your rolls if you have said you will donate them. See you at 6:30 A.M.!!!!

"THE DISCIPLES"

Andrew - Jim Gannon  
Bartholomew - Dick Mangel  
James - Lloyd Link  
James the less - Mike McDonald  
John - Mike Roper  
Judas - Bob Weisenstein  
Matthew - Howdy Bolam  
Matthias - Art Snyder  
Peter - Rick Vinroe  
Philip - Paul Riemer  
Thaddeus - Marty Henry  
Thomas - Bill Snyder  
Simon the Zealot - Butch Andrews  
Jesus - Rev. Link

1. Please call me at 7:30 AM on April 12th.  
Thank you very much for all your help.

COMMUNITY GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

April 13, 1990

(Please enter and leave the service only during the ushering intervals or while the congregation is singing the hymns.)

SCENES FROM THE CRUCIFIXION

The Organ Prelude Mrs. Marilyn Stephenson

12:00 - THE CALL TO WORSHIP

The Call to Worship Rev. Dr. J. Bruce Byers

The Prayer of Invocation Rev. Dr. J. Bruce Byers

\*The Hymn No. 194 "O Sacred Head Now Wounded"

12:05 - JESUS IN GETHSEMANE  
(Prayer)

The Scripture Reading Matthew 26:36-46  
Rev. Paul Inks

Solo Lewis Marra

The Meditation Rev. Douglas Miller

The Prayer Rev. Douglas Miller

\*The Hymn No. 394 "In The Hour of Trial"

12:30 - JESUS TAKEN CAPTIVE  
(Kiss, Betrayal and Arrest)

The Scripture Reading Matthew 26:47-56  
Rev. Father Ettore DeNapoli

Solo Nancy Gillespie

The Meditation Rev. Ralph Link

The Prayer Rev. Ralph Link

\*The Hymn No. 202 "There Is A Green Hill Far Away"

Organist - Joyce Gray

12:55 - JESUS BEFORE THE SANHEDRIN AND PILATE  
(Judgment Seat)

The Scripture Reading Luke 22:63-71; John 19:4-11  
Rev. Father Tom Wilson

Solo Jay Goettler

The Meditation Rev. James Campbell

The Prayer Rev. James Campbell

\*The Hymn No. 195 "In The Cross of Christ I Glory"

1:20 - JESUS MOCKED BY THE SOLDIERS  
(Crown of Thorns)

The Scripture Reading Matthew 27:27-31; 26:30 35,50-75  
Rev. Dennis Moore

Solo Ruth Anderson

The Meditation Rev. Roger Shaffer

The Prayer Rev. Roger Shaffer

\*The Hymn No. 400 "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"

1:45 - JESUS ON THE ROAD TO GOLGOTHA  
(Carrying The Cross)

The Scripture Reading Luke 23:26-33; Mark 8:34  
Rev. Dennis Molnar

Solo Beth Taylor

The Meditation Rev. Robert Huber

The Prayer Rev. Robert Huber

\*The Hymn No. 198 "When I Survey The Wondrous Cross"

Organist - Peggy McGuirk

2:10 - JESUS' CRUCIFIXION

The Scripture Reading John 19:23-30  
Rev. Kenneth C. Hall

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& yet, ~~ix~~ w/that hurt, that anguish, He stil choz 2luv Jud  
in th/midst his trechry  
but this portin Scrip not only giv glimps of traitr, but 2 sumone  
who sot 2expree his luv in rather bizar mann  
vs 51 - Mt no idenfy him, but Jn his Gospl say it Peter  
Petr bin th/one at meal they jus finish who sed wud not desert  
J regardless wat anyone did  
J was try 2liv up 2his boast  
his motiv one of luv, but his method one wh/Js rejectd  
Js had jus delt verhly w/traitr, & now mus deal w/one who luvd  
Him rather ovzrelusly  
So sed 2him-VSE 52-54  
He 2 2extrems in thez 2discips & clos sentenc this Scrip sums x  
all up rather wel - vs 56  
One of pts this partic Scrip make ~~ix~~ concerns loytlty & discipship  
Ther is th/complet rejectin by Jud & th/ovzrelus reactin of Petr  
both 2 extrems  
but they giv us chanc 2 lk our livs & 2ask, "Wat is mv comit?"  
Hav I rejectd Him aftr folo 8x 4 awhile?  
Or hav I followd seeking only 2hav mv gud works sho mv comit?  
(Jlus Henry Thoreau & Ralph Waldo Emerson)  
That is questin ea us shud ask selves 2dav  
thoz us in this sanctuary & thoz in liqn audienc -WAT R U DO  
OUT THERE??  
May it not 8 sed of ~~ix~~ any of us-THEN ALL TH/DISCIPS 4SUK HIM &  
FLIP

Good Friday: April 11, 1968

12:30 - Jesus Taken Captive  
Scripture: Matthew 26:47-56

An unknown writer penned the lines:

"The mockery of a trial, the stinging slap of His face by an enraged Roman officer, the unjust scourging by an unmerciful whipmaster, being buffeted by bigots, being burdened by bruises, being dressed in mock royalty, and being crowned with a degrading diadem of thorns were all in the cup of ~~Jesus~~ Christ. And yet, He took the cup and gave thanks."

Jesus had just concluded His prayer in the garden where He had asked that this cup of suffering be taken from Him if it was possible. He had concluded His prayer by accepting whatever His Father wanted of Him. So He was willing to take the cup as the writer expressed. But immediately following His prayer He knew that all of the events leading up to His subsequent trial and ~~xxxxxxx~~ death would be preceded by the hand of a trusted friend turning from Him. He told His disciples, "Arise, let us be going: behold, he is at hand that doth betray Me," verses 46.

Although it was probably a bright, moonlit night, a procession of men could be seen coming down into the Kidron Valley and bearing the garden in which Jesus and His disciples were. The exact number of people who came to arrest Jesus is not known but it is thought that it was probably a hundred if not more. Naturally, their intrusion into the garden broke the ~~xxxxxx~~ comfort of silence Jesus and His disciples had sought not only on this night but on other occasions as well. Matthew tells us, (verse 47). These people were armed. Evidently they expected Jesus to resist and they were prepared. Matthew then tells us, "Now he that betrayed Him gave them a sign, saying, 'Whomever I shall kiss, that same is he: hold Him fast,' vs 48. What were the motives of Judas? This question has been asked over and over and there is no answer. Whatever those motives were, Judas chose to betray Jesus in a very deceiving manner. It was customary for a disciple or follower of a beloved Rabbi to greet him with a kiss. Anyone observing the greeting of Judas may not have thought twice about this greeting. But with the large contingent of people with him it was a forewarning of an ulterior motive. But along with that fact is that Matthew tells us, "And forthwith he came to Jesus, and said, 'Hail, Master;' and kissed Him," verse 49.

The word used here for "Kissed," in Greek means to "kiss repeatedly, passionately, fervently." It is one thing to give one kiss as a sign of betrayal, but it is quite another to kiss the one being betrayed repeatedly. The repeated kissing was a sign of deep affection and love. How could Judas do this? Anyone who has had a trusted and beloved friend turn against you, can sense ~~xxxxxxx~~ somewhat the feeling that Jesus must have had. Here was a man he had worked with for three years. It's true that someone had to perform the dastardly deed and turn Jesus over to the authorities so that the Scripture concerning the Messiah could be fulfilled. But it didn't have to be one of His inner circle. For whatever reason, or purpose though, Judas chose to betray Jesus in such a manner that from that day to this his name is forever forged to the thought of betrayal. Someone who turns against a friend is called "A Judas."

~~There are only two people in this Scripture who did it. One was Judas and the other was Jesus. Although He did it in a rather bizarre manner.~~

~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ We can get a good idea of how this betrayal affected Jesus from how Matthew records His address to Judas. We read that Jesus asked, "Friend, wherefore art thou come?", verse 50A.

Even though he came as an enemy pretending to be a friend, Jesus calls him "Friend." We don't read it here, but can't you picture in your mind's eye the loving, compassionate gaze of Jesus looking into the face of this one who sought to have Him killed. Can you picture the hurt it must have caused Him? And yet, with that hurt, that anguish, He still chose to love Judas in the midst of his treachery.

But this portion of Scripture not only gives us a glimpse of a traitor, but we see someone who sought to express his love although he did it in a rather bizarre manner.

Matthew tells us, "And, behold, one of them which were with Jesus stretched out his hand, and drew his sword, and struck a servant of the high priest's, and smote off his ear," vs 51.

The Apostle John records in his Gospel that this was Peter. Peter had been the one at the meal they had just finished who had said that he would not desert Jesus regardless of what anyone else did. Here he was trying to live up to his boasting. His motive was one of love, but his method was one which Jesus rejected. Jesus had just dealt verbally with a traitor, and now He must deal with one who loved Him rather overzealously. So Jesus said to him, "Put again, thy sword into its place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword. Thinkest thou that I cannot pray the Father and He shall presently give Me more than twelve legions of angels? But how ~~xxx~~ then shall the Scriptures be fulfilled, that thus it might be?," verses 52-54.

We see the two extremes in these two disciples and the closing sentence of this Scripture sums all of this up rather well. We read, "Then all the disciples forsook Him, and fled," vs 6. One of the points ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ which this particular Scripture makes concerns loyalty and discipleship. There is the complete rejection by Judas and the over zealous reaction of Peter. Both are extremes. But they give us a chance to look at our lives and to ask "What is my commitment?" Have I rejected Him after following for awhile? Or have I followed seeking only to have my good works show forth my commitment.

(Illustration of Henry Thoreau and Ralph Waldo Emerson)

In the 19th century Henry Thoreau once went to jail rather than pay his poll tax to a New England state which supported slavery. Ralph Waldo Emerson his very good friend, heard that Thoreau was in jail and went to visit him. Peering through the bars, he exclaimed, "Why Henry, what are you doing in there?" Henry Thoreau answered, "Why, Ralph, the question is, What are you doing out there?"

That is the question each of us should ask ourselves today. Those of us in this sanctuary, and those in the listening audience, "What are you doing out there?" May it not be said of any of us, "Then all the disciples forsook Him, and fled."

Rev. Ralph Link, Pastor April 13, 1990  
Mr. Robert Weisenstein, Liturgist  
Mr. Dale Rice, Minister of Music  
Mr. Roland Thompson, Saxophonist

Prelude  
Chiming of the Hour  
Announcements  
Congregational Greeting  
Ascription  
Processional Hymn No. 258      when I survey the wondrous Cross  
Call to Worship:

Invocation (In Unison) Almighty God, our Father, in this hour of solemn remembrance, we acknowledge with sorrow and shame that our sins are such as sent our Lord to the cross. We come beseeching Thee mercifully to guide us in our meditations, supplications, and prayers and to dispose the hearts and minds of all men everywhere toward the attainment of everlasting salvation, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Offering  
Offertory  
\*Doxology - page 382  
\*Offering Prayer  
Communion Hymn No. 251 "In the Cross of Christ I glory"

Distribution of the Cup  
Matthew 26:27-28

The Trial - Matthew 27: 1-2, 11-26 — *RALPH*  
Hymn No. 122 Verses 1 and 3  
The Sentence Enforced - Matthew 27:27-38 — *R-13*  
Hymn No. 553 Verses 1 and 3  
The Execution Completed - Matthew 27:39-54 — *RALPH*  
\*Hymn No. 210 "I Believe in a Hill Called Mount Calvary."  
\*Benediction — *RALPH*

Postlude  
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\*Congregation Standing \* \* \* \* \*

Mrs. Millie Wachsmuth will greet our members and guests at the door this evening.

Nursery will be provided tonight by Mrs. Melanie Harrison and daughters.

Our driver for Easter Sunday will be Dick Dally.

PAID: NURSERY SERVICE AND BREAKFAST - 6:30 A.M. in Bethneth Hall. Men will be cooking breakfast that day. Please don't forget to bring in the rolls that you are donating. See you then!

We need two volunteers to sit in the Nursery on Sunday. Please take a minute and see Bonnie Jannon. We realize that each must take their turn, so we are asking that you volunteer now.

1. The first part of the document is a letter from the author to the reader, dated 1/1/1968. The letter is written in a casual, conversational style and discusses the author's recent travels and the impact of the Vietnam War on the local population. The author mentions that they have just returned from a trip to the South of France and that they have seen many things that have made them think about the war and the people who are suffering from it.

LOW IN SKEW & CRASH  
RISK OF THIS DATA



St. Paul's United Church of Christ  
Butler, Pennsylvania

Rev. Ralph Link, Pastor April 15, 1990

Rev. John Snyder, Guest Speaker  
Mr. Dale Rice, Minister of Music

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EASTER SUNRISE ORDER OF WORSHIP 6:30 A.M.

Prelude

\*Ascription

\*Call to Worship:

Pastor - Christ is risen!

People - He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

Pastor - The Lord God omnipotent reigns! To the King,  
immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor  
and glory, forever and ever!  
Come, let us worship God, and to Him let  
us pray.

\*Invocation: Everliving God, glorious is Thy name!  
Majestic is the Good News! Our life has  
been changed forever. Thy light of Easter  
dispels the darkness of our doubts. Thy  
power in love changes our reliance. Thy  
vindication of Jesus reassures our faith.  
Hallelujah, praise Thy Holy name. Amen.

\*Hymn of Celebration: "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!  
Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!  
Sing, ye heavens and earth reply, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!  
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!  
Once He died, our souls to save, Alleluia!  
Where's thy victory, boasting grave, Alleluia!

Loaves redeeming work is done, Alleluia!  
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids Him rise, Alleluia!  
Christ hath opened Paradise, Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!  
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!  
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia!  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!!

Amen.

Easter Morning Prayer

Hymn "He Lives"

I serve a risen Savior, He's in the world today!  
I know that He is living, whatever men may say;  
I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer  
And just the time I need Him He's always near.

In all the world around me I see His loving care,  
And though my heart grows weary I never will despair;  
I know that He is leading through all the stormy blast  
The day of His appearing will come at last.

Rejoice, Rejoice, O Christians, life up your voice and sing  
Eternal Hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King!  
The Hope of all who seek Him, the help of all who find,  
None other is so loving, so good and kind.

Chorus:

He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!  
He walks with me and talks with me along life's  
narrow way.  
He lives, He lives, salvation to impart,  
You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my  
heart!

Scripture: John 20: 1-16

Sermon: "God Has His Day"

\*Hymn "Because He Lives"

God sent His Son, they called Him Jesus,  
He came to love, heal and forgive;  
He lived and died to buy my pardon,  
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.

How sweet to hold a newborn baby,  
And feel the pride and joy He gives,  
But greater still the calm assurance,  
This child should face uncertain days because He lives.

And then one day I'll cross the river,  
I'll fight life's final war with pain;  
And then as death gives way to victory,  
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives.

Chorus:

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow,  
Because He lives all fear is gone,  
Because I know He holds the future,  
And life is worth the living just because He lives.

\*Benediction

WELCOMA

JOHN SATUR - GODWIN - HOWARD JAMES

NORMAN TINKER

FREE WILL OFFERING

EASTER  
SUNRISE  
SERVICE



Alleluia!  
JESUS IS ALIVE!

St. Paul's United Church of Christ  
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Mr. Roland Thompson, Saxophonist  
Acolytes: Nicole Morrison

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EASTER SUNDAY 11:00 A.M. WORSHIP

Prelude  
Chiming of the Hour  
Announcements  
Congregational Greeting  
Joys

Prayer Requests  
\*Processional Hymn No. 289 "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"  
\*Ascription

\*Invocation: (In Unison) Righteous God, our Father, we come reverently to this place as worshipers, not as spectators; to bow before Thee, not to see or be seen; not to parade ourselves outwardly, but to adorn ourselves inwardly with beauty. May our words and actions reflect the joy of this Resurrection morning as we come in our risen Savior's name. Amen.

Easter Anthem: "Celebrate the Victory"

Easter Prayer

Easter Offering (all envelopes, love loaves, loose offering, etc. are to be brought forward at this time and placed in the receptacles at the Chancel rail. The Ushers will assist.)

Offertory

\*Doxology - page 382

\*Dedication of Love Loaves and Offerings

Easter Anthem: "Majesty"

Scripture: Matthew 28: 1-8

Sermon: "Forever Empty"

\*Closing Hymn No. 292 "Because He Lives"

\*Closing Chimes

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

\*\*\*\*\* \*Congregation Standing \*\*\*\*\*

Mr. & Mrs. Budd Pedersen will greet our members and guests at the door on this most glorious morning.

Serving as Ushers today are Chris Pedersen, Wendy Norman, John Penrod and Mike Kay.

Nursery will be provided today.  
Van Driver for next Sunday will be Marty Henry.  
Attendance last Sunday was 133 with 13 visitors.  
Rick Vinroe and Art Snyder will be visiting the hospital this week.

> Hospitalized: Dutch Bolam in West Penn - Pittsburgh  
\*\*\*\*\* Jane's heart

HAPPY EASTER ! ! ! ! !

Love loaves & the offering during offering. Bring all offerings forward at that time.

Want to thank everyone who helped in any way during this Lenten season.  
Choir, also for special music; and for his faithful music on different occasions special rendition.  
Thank you for providing the last supper, for breakfast this morning.  
The several women behind the scenes for cross, needle, etc.  
Ushers, count needles, for you faithful worshippers.

At the close of the service the invitation is extended to each worshipper to respond to God's leading for your life. This invitation gives the opportunity to accept Christ, to pray, to meditate, or to seek counseling. The Altar is open to everyone. The Pastor will assist you if you desire.

COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH - SAGAMORE, PA. - APRIL 7, 1996  
11:00 AM 9:30 A.M.

**Prelude**

GREETINGS/JOYS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRAYER REQUESTS

CONG DINNER/MEETING APRIL 21. AFTER CHURCH

OFFERINGS  
ST. PAUL'S, BUTLER

**CHILDREN'S PROGRAM**

**\*HYMN**

PRAYER/OFFERING

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**EASTER PRAYER**

**HYMN**

DEDICATION OF NEW HYMNALS

SCRIPTURE: "FOREVER EMPTY"

ST. PAUL'S, BUTLER - 4/15/90

SERMON: MATTHEW 28:1-8

**HYMN**

BENEDICTION

**\*POSTLUDE**

ST. PAUL'S, BUTLER

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THIS MORNING WE HUMBLY AND GRATEFULLY ACCEPT AND ACKNOWLEDGE THIS GIFT OF NEW HYMNALS FOR THE CHURCH. THEY HAVE BEEN GLADLY PROVIDED FOR OUR USE BY KATHY AND BILL MORGAN IN LOVING MEMORY OF PECK FAIRMAN AND ED FAIRMAN.

AS WE LIST OUR VOICES IN PRAISE TO ALMIGHTY GOD USING THESE HYMNALS MAY THE WORDS AND MUSIC REMIND US OF THE FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP WE CHASED WITH PECK AND ED. GOD HAS CALLED THEM FROM THIS LIFE TO LIFE EVERLASTING. AS THEY SERVED IN THIS CONGREGATION SO MAY US BE INSPIRED TO SERVE AS WELL.

LET OUR WORSHIP AND PRAISE BE LIFTED TO NEW HEIGHTS BEING MOTIVATED BY THE MUSIC GOD HAS BROUGHT FORTH IN THE LIVES OF THOSE WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE MAKING OF THIS HYMNAL TO BE REMINDED TO THE GLORIFICATION OF GOD'S HOLY NAME.

MAY THE LORD INDEED OPEN OUR EYES AND LET OUR MOUTHS SPEAK FORTH HIS PRAISE. MAY WE HONOR AND ADORE HIM, GOD THE KING BEFORE HIM AND TRULY WORSHIP HIM IN THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS.

SO IN LOVING MEMORY OF PECK AND ED FAIRMAN WE NOW DEDICATE THESE HYMNALS FOR THE WORSHIP OF ALMIGHTY GOD.



4-11-77 COMMUNITY BIRTH RECORD # 41411 7, 1996

RECORDS: MT 25:1-2; RECORDS: "HOLLY H. SMITH"

(ILUS STEVEN & BY AT 24, BODY FROWN, ROUST BY MOTH-8)  
THEY JUMP & KISS EACH OTHER - ANDER LIX STEV MOORE  
OF ASK OTHER WOMAN - LAYING ANSWER  
HE HAD KING FRIDAY, & WHY CAN RMB SUNDAY

HE LIT ONE OF SOME BOTTLE - THEY WHO HAD STEV SAT,  
STEVEN-GRANT, 8FT DIA, 1ST TALK IN GRUB, WHICH 4TH  
301 TUR CARB DETAIL UNUS WAY-MT 25:2

HE CAN OUT OF TOMB & ROOM WAS IT HAPY - ALL EXCIT GO!

VS 3-HWARY BIRTH

VS 4-GURAK-KOUSTOIA - SPECIAL UNIT 1/ MEN

GRABER WHEN EA SILL PROTEG 684 IT GR APILCE

IF ONE FAIL, ALL EXCUTED-STEVE OF 21:12, FINE START W/THER &  
THEY HUPED ALIV - BUT IT NEW POSSIB GRANTS LET ANYONE NEAR???

VS 5-6A-THIS EXPL EVERYTHING

PROB-UK-OTONE SCHWAB-ANGELS-GURAK-PAULYTIC STATE

VS 6-BMT NO TEL GRAY CLOTHES, ROWN GC IN

ANGEL JEN INUT 200VING - THEY EXHIBIT THEE FAITH

(ILUS AGROSTIC PROP & LITTLE GIRL ANCH ROU TH/RIGHT JS)

THIS ABSOLUTE BLIND FAITH IS LAY IN SHUT HUP

LET OTHERS GO OVER ALL DETAILS & QUESTION -LET US BLIV IN TH/ONE

ANDI MANY OF MAN KING BARRON BEN, BUT AS ANOS & ALICUT PAUL

NOTES & ASK - O BETH WHIP IS THY STINGS?

(ILUS ONLY WHITE MAN BUILT BLACK CEMETARY)

ILUS CEMETARY, NO LIX A BOY, COMBUT SOC FUNDRAISE OF NO, STILL NO  
LIX, BUT HAD BIL FARMING BOMB THEM

(IT'S MAN EXPLAIN ONLY BURY TH/SHALL, TH/NOT I' GONE)

UN - ONCE BOMB BOMB GRAVE CEMETARY CAN NOW STAND IN CEMETARY &

DISTIN IN MY MIND A LAY AND JAMMI ASHAY IN A BURNIAL GROUND

ANDER WILL THAMBL/SHAK LIX 1ST TAPR 1984

LOVE HUPED VII MAY-WAK UP MY BOY, MY GIRL G'S MORNIN IS CUM

AND EA THO GRAVE STIB HIVE EMPTY JUP LIX TOMB IN JERUSALEM

WAT BUT V ANCH IS SUMON ASK U IF UNEXPECTED HE LUVS ONE 2B

PAUL FROM TH/GRAVES

UNIK "HAWKING MOTH" I WHO SAY - ALL THOZ WHO SERED IN JC THALB

RAISE

BOU THAT WILB G'S MORNIN

TH/TOMB OF JK XP I SMITH & BOU OF HIM ALL GRAVE WILL ONE

DAY B EMPTY

(ILUS STEVEN & BY 24, "Prophet" I doubt by mother)

I HAD ONLY A BOMB IN MY HAND - AND BOMB IN MY HAND

There was:

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### "Forever Empty"

Scripture: Matthew 28:1-8

(Illustration of Steven, died at 24, , Cryonics, & doubt of his mother)

A few years ago in New York city a young man named Steven determined that he wanted to have himself frozen solid until a medical cure was found for his intestinal infection that was going to take his life. He knew it was just a matter of time until he died because there was no cure for him. So he joined the Cryonics Society of New York and arrangements were made to freeze his body immediately after death. He died at the age of 24, and his wishes were carried out and he was placed in a large bottle filled with liquid nitrogen. His mother when asked if she thought her son would rise from that bottle, said, "I have only a remote hope for my boy's resurrection."

Suppose someone had been talking to Mary, the woman who was called "Jesus' Mother," and that person had asked the question, "Do you think your Son will rise from Joseph's tomb?" In all probability she would have answered, "I have only a remote hope for my boy's resurrection." Or, if someone had made it a point to speak to Mary Magdalene and the other Mary before they arrived at the garden tomb and asked the same question, the answer probably would have been the same. After all, they had seen Him dead on Friday afternoon and they knew of Joseph taking the body and placing it in his tomb. They came to the tomb to finish the hurried preparations for burial which were made on Friday afternoon. It was Mark who wrote of the questioning of the women as to who would roll away the stone from the door. It is said by those who have made a study of those things that the stone that was in front of the tomb would have been made of granite. It would have been eight feet in diameter and one foot thick. And it would have been rolled into a groove and have weighed 4 tons. So the women would have been justified in wondering who would roll back that stone so they could further prepare the body of Jesus for burial. But God took care of that little detail in a rather unique way. Matthew tells us, "And behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door and sat on it," verse 2.

We cannot picture this event but it must have been like one of the illusionary acts magicians like David Copperfield perform on TV. You know what I mean. He waves his hands, a cloud of smoke and vapor appear and something sitting there seems to disappear. But this event was much more spectacular. When that trembling and shaking of the earth took place, The body of Jesus Christ came out of that tomb and no one saw it happen. No one except God. There, before the unbelieving eyes of those women was what they knew to be a heavenly being, sitting on the stone they were worried about removing to get into the tomb. And not only that, but if they had any fears about getting around the Roman guard these fears had also been removed. There were these extra special surr guards, highly trained and highly disciplined, and they were immovable like dead men. There was absolutely no way that anything or anyone would have brought about this state of these guards unless it was supernatural. They would have fought to their very life's end to carry out their orders of guarding this tomb. The penalty for not carrying out their orders was death. These guards were a part of a unit which was called the "KOUSTODIA". This unit was made up of 16 men. Each man was expected to protect 6 square feet of ground. They formed a square with 4 men on each side and thus were able to protect 96 square at one time. Units like this were able to fight off entire armies, because these soldiers were so disciplined. If one man in this special Roman guard failed his duty, he was automatically executed along with the 15 others. They were each stripped of their clothes and burned alive in a fire



started with their own clothes. Does it seem possible then that 4 of these special guards were about to let anyone near that tomb?

The angel spoke to the women and said, "Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for He is risen as He said." verses 5-6A.

That explained to them the reason for the earthquake, the stone being rolled away, the guards locked into some sort of paralytic state, and the angel sitting on the stone explaining things to them. But the angel then gave them news which they probably didn't completely comprehend. He said, "Come, see the place where the Lord lay," verse 6B.

The proof that Jesus was no longer in the tomb was the fact that the angel could point to that niche cut into the stone where a body could be laid and there was no longer a body there.

Matthew doesn't go into some of the details the other Gospel writers include about the grave clothes lying on that shelf. And he doesn't tell of the women going into the tomb at this time. The words of the angel were enough to convince the women that Jesus had arisen from the grave. All it took was their faith that it was so.

(Illustration of agnostic professor asking girl about her belief in Jesus being risen)

An agnostic professor once asked a little girl who believed in Jesus, "There are so many who have claimed to be Christ. How can you be sure who told the truth? Which one do you believe?"

Without hesitation the little girl replied, "I believe in the One who rose from the dead."

The absolute blind faith of that little girl is the same faith that we should have. Let those who must, question the details of the resurrection story, and let them come to their illlogical answers. But for anyone who wants to know Jesus Christ as Lord even of death, we must say, "I believe in the ONE who rose from the dead!"

Death has been the enemy of man since it became the curse of man's life back in the Garden of Eden. But it was the rising from the dead that has taken the sting out of death, and the apostle Paul wrote this very thing. He asks, "where is death's sting?"

(Illustration of only white man buried in a black cemetery)

An unnamed distinguished white man became the only white person to be buried in an all black cemetery in Georgia. He had lost his mother when he was just a baby. His father never remarried, but he hired a black woman named Mandy to help raise his son. Mandy was a Christian and took her task very seriously. Few have a motherless boy ever received such warm-hearted treatment. One of his earliest memories was of Mandy bending over him in his upstairs bedroom each morning and softly saying, "Wake up, God's morning is come."

The years passed and Mandy continued to be the faithful substitute mother. He went away to college, but when he came home each holiday and summer she would climb the stairs -- more slowly now -- and call him in the same loving way. One day after he had become a successful statesman the message came, "Mandy is dead." "Can you attend her funeral?" As he stood by her grave in that cemetery, he turned to his friends and said, "If I die before Jesus comes, I want to be buried here beside Mandy. I like to think that on that resurrection day she'll speak to me again and say, 'Wake up my boy, God's mornin is come.'"

As a boy I never liked cemeteries. But since I've been in more cemeteries than most people conducting and participating in upwards of about 500 funerals, I still don't ~~like them~~ really like them. But where once I used to look at the graves and wonder, I can now look at the graves and there is a different feeling. I've come to know that all that we place in the grave is the shell of the person.

(Illustration of man explaining the burying of the shell)

A man trying to explain the burying of a friend's body to the man's widow said, "You know, all that we are burying is the shell of Tom. The nut is gone."



Where once I wondered about the graves in cemeteries, I can now ~~picture~~ stand in a cemetery and picture in my mind a day when the Lord Jesus will appear in each of those burying grounds, and the earth will tremble and shake as it did on that first Easter, and the Lord Himself will say, "Wake up My boy, Wake up My Girl, God's mornin is come." And each of those graves of believers will be "Forever Empty," just like that tomb in Jerusalem is and has been.

What would you answer if someone asked you if ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ you expected your loved ones to be raised from the grave? Unlike Steven's mother, I would say, "All those who sleep in Christ shall be raised. Because that will be God's mornin. The tomb of Jesus Christ is empty and because of Him, all graves will one day be "Forever Empty."

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Rev. Ralph Link, Pastor April 22, 1990

Mr. Robert Weisenstein, Liturgist

Mr. Dale Rice, Minister of Music

Acolytes: Mike Kay and Nicole Morrison

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ORDER OF WORSHIP 11:00 A.M.

Prelude

Chiming of the Hour

Announcements

Congregational Greeting

Joys

Prayer Requests

\*Processional Hymn No. 298 "Christ Arose"

\*Ascription

\*Exhortation

\*Confession (In Unison) Our heavenly Father, forgive us when we feel we are completely forgotten. With the unseen presence of the Christ dwelling within our hearts, we are never really alone, but are bound to You with a spiritual kinship. Sustain us from within, and inspire us to seek to live in spiritual companionship with You, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

\*Kyrie

\*Assurance of Pardon

\*Praise: Leader - Blessed be the Lord God

People - And blessed be His glorious name forever.

\*Gloria Patri - page 142

Children's Moment

Hymn No. 229 "How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds"

Call to Prayer: Pastor - The Lord be with You

People - And with Thy Spirit

Pastor - Let us pray.

Morning Prayer

Offering

Offertory

\*Doxology - page 382

Anthem: "Shout Amen!"

Scripture: Luke 24: 13-29

Sermon: "On and On"

\*Invitational Hymn No. 295 "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

\*Closing Hymns

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

The beautiful flowers on the altar have been placed by Mrs. Fanchon Hindman and Joy in memory of Loved Ones. Mrs. Marge Smiley will greet our members and friends at the door this morning. Ushering today will be Don Kingsley, Donley Martin, Dick Mangel and Dick Dally.

Nursery will be provided today by Mrs. Linda Patsy.

Van Driver for next Sunday will be Dick Mangel.

Attendance last Sunday was 209 with 39 visitors.

Bob Weisenstein and Jaryl Morrison will be visiting the hospital this week.

Hospitalized: Dutch Bolam in West Penn in Pittsburgh  
Jane Massart and Eleanor Peters in BMH.

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK:

Tuesday - 7 to 9 P.M. Elders and Deacons Training Class

THANKS, thanks and many more thanks should be expressed to the men who participated in the Holy Thursday service. Many very favorable comments have come from that service. The men worked hard along with the Pastor to make sure the meaning and atmosphere were set for such a service. Who knows, maybe we could get them to do it again if you would like them to. We also need to say Thanks to anyone who helped to build, direct and costume any part of the service.

LUNCHEON DATES TO MARK DOWN:

May 1 - Council meeting at 7

8 - Sunday School Teachers meeting

9 - Ladies Spring Banquet

13 - Youth Service

14 - VBS meeting

We have the opportunity to serve a luncheon and dinner in May. We will be needing some helpers. If you would like to help with the luncheon see Helen Riemer or for the dinner see Ginny Mangel. We really need lots of help!!

ELDER'S meeting Wednesday at 7:00 P.M.

Sunday Evening Bible Study will resume at 7:00 P.M.

At the close of the service the invitation is extended to each worshipper to respond to God's leading for your life. This invitation gives the opportunity to accept Christ, to pray, to meditate, or to seek counseling. The Altar is open to everyone. The Pastor will assist you if you desire.







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Henry Wadsworth Longfellow wrot:

& IN DESPAIR I BOWD MY HEAD, THERE IS NO FEAR ON MICH I SED,  
FOR BATH I WOULD I MOK. TH/ONG OF DEAT ON BETH THWII 2MEN

Vs 17=Js ask quest

Vs 19=Js ask quest

Vs 19B-20=Exnl 2 Jim

Vs 21-24=Porro/Despair go on

Vs 25=Keep on walk

Vs 26=staid

vs 28=persnl Bliev Js didnt remain as desired/antiopat

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(Ilus Alfred Mace, Father John fighter)

WRT HE C MS ACTN PAD, & ONLY BTH WATY ONCE

Father: WHERE IS HE?!!

ALPRED: THERE HE IS, & HIS NAY IS BETH

Fay Inchfawn - Englishwoman poem?

SOMTIMS MEN ~~THINK~~ EVERTHING GOMG ALONG: MEN DAYS 2 HECHT &  
NITHE 2 LONG:

WHN WASH DAY BRINGS SO DULL A SKY THAT NOT A SINGL THING WILERY

& WHN TH/KITCHN CHIMNY SMOKS, & WHN THERE'S NOT SO QUEER AS FOLKS

WHN FRNDS DEFLOR MY FABEL YOUTH, & WHN TH/BARY GUTS A TOOTH.

WHIL JON TH/BARY, LAST BUN ONE, CLINGS BNI MY SKIRT TIL DAY IS

DUN:

& FAT, OUT NATURE JANE IS GLUM, & BUTCHERS MAN 4GETS 2CUM

SOMTIMS I SAY ON DAYS LK THIZ, I GET A SUDN GLIM OF BLISS

NOT ON SUM SUNNY DAY OF EAS, HE'LL CUM, BUT ON A DAY LK THIS.

"On And On"

Scripture: Luke 24:13-28

The voice of the radio announcer cuts into the closing music of the program and he says:  
"As the sun sinks slowly into the west, the Lone Ranger rides off into the sunset."

Once again evil has been defeated and goodness has triumphed. Stories and thoughts such as these have always captured the feelings and desires of people everywhere. No one wants to think that evil triumphs. But it was Henry Wordsworth Longfellow who wrote about the bells on Christmas Day, ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ "And in despair I bowed my head: 'There is no peace on earth!'" said; "For hate is strong, and mocks the song of peace on earth, good will to men."

The followers of Jesus had either seen Him die, or had heard that He had died on Friday afternoon. Sunday morning had come and now the story was spreading that His tomb was empty, but ~~HE~~ He was not in evidence. Two of those followers decide to return to their home in Emmaus rather than stay around Jerusalem amidst their gloom and despair. For them, the hopeful picture of evil being conquered once and for all is over. It was just a dream; nothing has changed; and some of those who should have rejoiced that God was at last intervening into the world were the most vigorous in seeking the life of Jesus. These two men, one who is named Cleopas and the other believed by many to be Luke himself, walk the 7 miles to Emmaus discussing these events. And as they walked, they meet a stranger who is actually Jesus, but God doesn't permit them to recognize Him as such at this point. So it is that Jesus asks them, "What manner of communications are these that ye have to one another, as ye walk and are sad?" verse 17.

It is Cleopas who answers Him and asks Him if He is perhaps the only person in Jerusalem who doesn't know all of the events which transpired in the past week.

Jesus then asks, "What things?" verse 20. And they explained to Him, (read verses 18-20).

And in sorrow and despair they explain, "But we trusted that it had been He which should have redeemed Israel: and beside all this, today is the third day since these things were done. Yea, and certain women also of our company made us astonished, which were early at the sepulchre; and there they found not His body, they came saying, that they had also seen a vision of angels, which said that He was alive. And certain of them which were with us went to the sepulchre, and found it even so as the women had said: but Him they saw not." verses 21-24.

Here was their story, and it dashed all of their hopes and dreams of good triumphing over evil.

~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Here was Cleopas, ~~XXXXXX~~ who was also called "Alphaeus" who was the father of the Apostle James, and was the husband of the Virgin Mary's sister, speaking to this stranger who must have been living in a cave somewhere for the past week or so. In his sense of frustration he says, "We trusted it had been He which should have redeemed Israel."

"He was supposed to be the Messiah," he is telling this man, "and all of that is shattered."

But Jesus, still unrecognized and unknown to them expounds Scripture to them proving that this crucified Jesus was ~~THE MESSIAH~~ promised. He prefaced His remarks with the question, "Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into His glory?" verse 26.

These two disciples were pointed to Scripture which is where God ~~fixes~~ many times gives the prophecy and then later fulfills it, leaving no doubt that His word is true.

After Jesus had spoken these things to them, they arrived at the village and Luke explains, "And He made as though He would have gone further," verse 28.

The implication is that He acted as though He was going to continue walking. ~~AND~~ "But they constrained Him, saying, 'Abide with us: for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent.' And He went in to tarry with them," verse 29.

Jesus stayed with them for a short period of time. He was there long enough to sit down with them to eat. But after He had taken bread and said the blessing, He vanished out of their sight, but not before they recognized Him.

I personally believe that one point which is being made here is that Jesus did not remain as desired, or anticipated by His followers. He made as though He would have gone further."

Now I understand what that means and it means what it implies, "that He seemed as though He would continue walking on." But I would like to submit that it also means that Jesus could not stop and had to go on.

First, He arose from the grave. The grave for Him was only a brief stopping point. He defeated death.

(Illustration of Alfred Mace, father Jim Mace, and funeral procession)

Alfred Mace was a minister. His father Jim Mace was a champion boxer at one time. One day they were walking together down the street when a funeral procession came down the street. Alfred said, "Here he comes again Dad, and only been beaten once."

His father, thinking he was talking about some fighter looked up and down the street and at the nearby stores and buildings and asked, "Where is he?" "There he is," Alfred said,

~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ "And his name is death," he exclaimed pointing to the funeral going by.

Jesus defeated death, He had to go on.

Second, Jesus "made as to go on further" out of courtesy. He would not then, and He will not now, impose Himself upon anyone. God has given man what theologians have entitled, "Free-will!" This means that man has the ability to either accept Him as Savior, or to reject Him.

For those who choose to reject Him, He passes on by. No one is ever forced to accept Jesus into their lives.

For those who choose to accept Him, Jesus goes "On And On." He is a part of their life each moment of each day. It is an ongoing relationship which God established through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It grants to each believer eternity with God, but also an ongoing association with our Savior as we live this life. God never intended for that relationship to be broken as it was in the Garden of Eden, and that is why He restored it through Christ's death and resurrection. It goes, "On and On," in all of the events of our lives.

Pay Inchfawn an Englishwoman wrote a bit of verse a number of years ago along these lines.

You will recognize that some of the writing is dated, but the verse still states God's truth.

She wrote: "Sometimes, when everything goes wrong;  
When days are short and nights are long;  
When wash-day brings so dull a sky  
That not a single thing will dry,  
And when the kitchen chimney smokes,  
And when there's naught so "queer" as folks!  
When friends deplore my faded youth,  
And when the baby cuts a tooth.  
While John the baby's last but one,  
Clings round my skirts till day is done;  
And fat, good-tempered Jane is plum,  
And butcher's man forgets to come.

Sometimes I say on days like these,  
I get a sudden gleam of bliss.  
Not on some sunny day of ease,  
He'll come ... but on a day like this!"

He comes to us on good days and bad days; in calm or strife; regardless of time or place. His ministry in our lives goes "On And On." That's the true joy of the Risen Christ. His life, His death, His Resurrection all had purpose and meaning for those who accept Him and seek to live for Him. We have a relationship that goes "On And On," with our Savior Jesus Christ. Let this be your comfort today and everyday of your life. If you don't have that assurance, today is the day to invite Him into your life.



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ORDER OF WORSHIP 11:00 A.M.

Prelude  
Chiming of the Hour  
Announcements  
Congregational Greeting  
Joys  
Prayer Requests  
Processional Hymn No. 334 "We Praise Thee, O God, Our  
Ascension Redeemer"  
Exhortation  
Confession (In Unison) Almighty God, who brought from the  
dead our Lord Jesus Christ, help us in the days of our  
flesh to minister like Him. Keep our tempers cool and  
our spirits calm; make us brave to fight for the right  
and to stand firm against those who would oppress the  
weak. Give us grace to know Him as our Living Lord,  
and strengthen us that we may follow in His footsteps;  
for we ask this all in the name of our Lord and Savior  
Jesus Christ. Amen.

Kyrie  
Assurance of Pardon  
Praise: Leader - Blessed be the Lord God  
People - And blessed be His glorious name forever.  
Gloria Patri - page 142  
Children's Moment  
Hymn No. 439 "Sweet Hour of Prayer"  
Call to Prayer: Pastor - The Lord be with You  
People - And with Thy Spirit  
Pastor - Let us pray.

Morning Prayer  
Offering  
Offertory  
Doxology - page 382  
Anthem: "Cast Thy Burden Upon The Lord" - Benjamin Hanlan  
Scripture: Luke 5: 12-16  
Sermon: "Slipping Away"  
Invitational Hymn No. 442 "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"  
Closing Chimes

Benediction  
Postlude

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\*Consecration Standing \* \* \* \* \*

The beautiful flowers on the altar have been placed by  
Mr. & Mrs. Alvin Tait in memory of Loved Ones.  
Mrs. Lois Pennington will greet our members and guests at  
the door this morning.  
Ushering today are Marge Smiley, Genny Nohach, Lucille  
Tack and Carol Roper.  
Nursery will be provided today by Helen Crawford  
Van Driver for next Sunday will be Bill Snyder.  
Attendance last Sunday was 99 with 7 visitors.  
Don Kingely and Ben Vensel are scheduled to visit the  
hospital this week.

\*Hospitalized: Eleanor Peters, BMH

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK:  
Tuesday - 7 P.M. Elders and Deacons training class  
Wednesday - 7 P.M. Council meeting

UPCOMING MEETING TO REMEMBER:  
May 8th - Teachers meeting at 7 P.M.  
May 13th - Youth Service at 11:00 A.M.  
May 14th - VBS meeting at 7 P.M.

LADIES SPRING BANQUET will be held on May 9th. This is  
for all the women of the church and their female friends,  
relatives and neighbors, etc. This is a tureen dinner,  
so bring your table service and a tureen. Meat, dessert,  
and beverage will be provided. The men of the church  
will be assisting with the dinner. Time is 6 P.M.  
May 5th the Butler Fellowship of Churches Women's Comm-  
ission will be holding a luncheon here at the church.  
This is their annual luncheon. You may purchase tickets  
at \$4.00 each from Peg McClymonds. If you would like to  
help in any way with the luncheon, please see Helen  
Riemer.

We still need some helpers to serve a dinner here on  
May 22nd. If you can help please see Ginny Mangel or  
drop her a note in the offering plate. We need a lot  
of helpers, men and women.

At the close of the service the invitation is extended to  
each worshipper to respond to God's leading for your  
life. This invitation gives the opportunity to accept  
Christ, to pray, to meditate, or to seek counseling.  
The altar is open to everyone. The Pastor will assist  
you if you desire.

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## "Slipping Away"

Scripture: Luke 5:12-16

(Typical American by United Press survey)

The United Press survey found that the "typical American" is a 27 year-Old who does not read one book a year. He is materialistic, satisfied with small pleasures, bored with theological disputations. Although he may attend church twenty-seven times a year, he is not interested in the supernatural. He is concerned with neither heaven nor hell. In fact, he has no interest whatever in immortality. His principal interests are football, hunting, fishing, and cartinkering.

Now according to the United Press which made this survey not too long ago, this is the "typical American." Naturally, not all people fit into this category, but it does show the signs of the times. Another interesting bit of the signs of the times is the advertisement ~~wxx~~ for a Kansas Baptist Church. The ad reads:

Worship in Comfort

You can worship in our latest scientifically controlled air-conditioned sanctuary. It has refrigerated cooling. No stuffy water coolers to infect your sinuses, stir your hay fever, or give you a cold. The air is dehumidified, well circulated, and changed completely every five minutes. (And then in large letters the ad reads, "Cool Sunday services").

The last part may well speak for a true sign of the times because "Cool Sunday services" take place in many churches that do not have air-conditioning. And why is this true? It's simply because there may not be any fire in the pastor, the choir, the members, and the whole church.

(Illustration of atheist helping to put out church fire)

A story is told of an atheist who lived next door to a church. The pastor knew he was an atheist because he had tried to talk to him about spiritual matters, only to be told by the man that he didn't believe in God. One day a fire broke out in the church. The church bell was rung to summon the townspeople to form a bucket brigade. And there up front in the line right next to the preacher was the town atheist passing buckets of water to the preacher. The preacher said to him, "Man, this is the first time I ever saw you at church, I'm surprised." The atheist answered, "This is the first time I've ever seen fire in this church."

This may well be said of many churches simply because the "signs of the times" have crept in and have kept out the things of God. Our Scripture this morning is an interesting one in many ways. We read simply, (Read verses 12 & 13). This is just a simple case of Jesus healing a man with leprosy. But hidden within this portion of Scripture are two unique things.

The first is, that Jesus was being hounded by people. Luke tells us in the 4th chapter, verse 42, (Read this). And then he begins the 5th chapter with the words, (Read verses 1-3).

Then is recorded the healing of the man with leprosy and Jesus tells him, "And He ordered him to tell no one," ~~\*\*\*\*\*~~, verse 14.

But that did no good because Luke then tells us, "But the news about Him was spreading even farther, and great multitudes were gathering to hear Him and to be healed of their sicknesses," verse 15.

How did Jesus handle this? He was living in ~~wxxx~~ an age when people sought out those who had new ideas or new teachings. His fame had spread far and wide because as the Gospel writers tell us, "No man ever spoke like this man." His methods, His message were new and different. And people then as now seek to be entertained, to be in on the "in" things, and to be able to tell their friends and relatives, "Well I was there in person." But Jesus knew that He couldn't physically put up with the thronging crowds day after day without a special strength. That is why it is no surprise that Luke records, "But He Himself would often slip away to the wilderness and pray," verse 16.

Luke is also saying the same thing in chapter 4, verse 42: (read this). In the 6th chapter, verse 12 we read, "And it was at this time that He went off to the mountain to pray, and He spent the whole night in prayer to God."

We would often "Slip Away." We in the church of Jesus Christ can do no less than our Master. We must seek to make prayer a vital part of our lives. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

(Illustration of young man in lumber camp cutting trees)

Some years ago a young man approached the foreman of a logging crew and asked for a job. "That depends," replied the foreman. "Let's see you fell this tree." The young man stepped forward and skillfully felled a great tree. Impressed, the foreman exclaimed, "Start Monday." Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday rolled by, and Thursday afternoon the foreman approached the young man and said, "You can pick up your paycheck on the way out today." Startled, he replied, "I thought you paid on Friday." "Normally we do," answered the foreman, "but we're letting you go today because you've fallen behind. Our daily felling charts show that you've dropped from first place on Monday to last on Wednesday." "But I'm a hard worker," the young man objected. "I arrive first, leave last, and even have worked through my coffee breaks." The foreman, sensing the boy's integrity, thought for a minute and then asked, "Have you been sharpening your ax?" The young man replied, "I've been working too hard to take the time."

Have we been too busy in the church to sharpen our axes? We fail in the church because we do not take the time to "Slip Away" from the hustle and bustle of everyday life to spend time with God. And I don't mean coming to church on Sunday morning. We should do that and I'm thankful that you do. But how about during the week at work, at school, at home, how much time do we spend "Slipping Away" to privately speak with God? We must pray because of what prayer does to us.

Then we must pray because of what prayer does in the church.

(Illustration of Pastor Tebedayo Idu in Zaire, Africa)

In late 1964 the communist rebels had taken the town of Bunia in Zaire, Africa. They were arresting and executing anyone they thought to be "enemies of the revolution." One of their intended victims was to be Pastor Tebedayo Idu who was taken from his home next to the church. The day after his arrest was to be a great political holiday in which speeches were to be given in front of the statue of Patrice Lumumba who was the spiritual leader of the revolution. The prisoners were then to be executed in front of the statue. The next day the prisoners were loaded onto a truck to be driven to their execution by firing squad. But "mysteriously" the truck would not start. They were compelled to push the truck which started only to stall in front of the police commissioner's office. It was late and the furious official lined the prisoners up and had them count off "one-two, one-two," and then had all the number ones to march double-time to the monument where they were killed in volleys of gunfire. The number twos, including Pastor Tebedayo Idu were marched back to their cells where they listened to the firing squad and wondered why they had been spared. Pastor Tebedayo took this opportunity to speak to the prisoners about Christ and eight of them accepted Christ as Savior. Hardly had he finished speaking when a breathless, excited messenger came to the door with an order, "The pastor has been arrested by mistake. He is to be released at once." Pastor Tebedayo said farewell to the other prisoners and ran to his house next to the church. There, gathered in the house of God, was his little congregation on their knees praying earnestly for his release.

Stories such as these thrill us at the power of prayer. But it's nothing new and can happen in our lives if only we would cultivate "Slipping Away" as Jesus showed us by His example. This doesn't mean going off to a favorite spot in the woods, or in another room away from everyone. It merely means to separate ourselves from the things of life which crowd out prayer. We can do this in our office at our desk, in school, in our homes and any other place. William Carey was called, "The father of modern missions." Yet, how many people know that he had a paralyzed, bed-ridden sister who prayed for him for fifty years? Prayer can make things happen in

the church.

And then we must pray because Jesus prayed. He taught us the importance of prayer but the church in many instances has not taken this seriously.

... (Illustration of 11th century king, King Henry III of Germany and obedience)

The 11th century German king, King Henry III, who grew tired of court life and the pressures of being a king, applied to a monastery to be accepted for a life of contemplation. Prior Richard the religious superior of the monastery asked him, "Your majesty, do you understand that the pledge here is one of obedience? That will be hard because you have been a king."

Henry replied, "I understand. The rest of my life I will be obedient to you, as Christ leads you." "Then I will tell you what to do," said Prior Richard. "Go back to your throne and serve faithfully in the place where God has placed you."

When King Henry III died, a statement was written, "The King learned to rule by being obedient."

Too often, within the church we look at what someone else is able to do and accomplish and our response is, "I wish I could be a preacher and then I could pray; or, 'I wish I was a missionary and then I could do things for God.'" We need to know that God has placed us where we are. He has brought us together in this congregation. Our response needs to be one of, "I'll be obedient where I am Lord, just show me what You want me to do." We need to practice "Slipping Away" in order to be obedient. Jesus taught the art of "Slipping Away," not only by example but in His teaching. In the Sermon on the Mount in the 6th chapter of Matthew He taught, in verse 6, "But you, when you pray, go into your inner room, and when you have shut the door, pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees in secret will repay you."

In the King James Version it reads, "Go into your closet." Many people erroneously believe that means you need to slip away from everything and everybody in order to pray. Jesus didn't actually mean a secret room. He simply meant to shut out the world where you are and pray. This can be done at your desk at work, at the sink washing dishes, at your desk at school, in the mill, driving down the road and anywhere, without even shutting your eyes. If we practice this we will learn the secret of "Slipping Away" as the Lord taught us. But we will also learn what prayer can do to us, and what it can do to the church.

Perhaps you have never prayed much because you think it requires a special education or training. Or, you may never have taken the time to do it because you may think it requires lots of time. Whatever your situation may be this morning accept the Lord's invitation to "Slip Away" from the everyday world and life and draw nigh unto Him. And then watch what He will do in your life.



St. Paul's United Church of Christ  
Butler, Pennsylvania  
Rev. Ralph Link, Pastor May 6, 1990  
Mr. Robert Weisenstein, Liturgist  
Mr. Dale Rice, Minister of Music  
Acolytes: Toni Jo Patsy and Meron Hewis  
+ + + + + ORDER OF WORSHIP 11:00 A.M. + + + + +

Prelude  
Chiming of the Hour  
Announcements  
Congregational Greeting  
Joys  
Prayer Requests  
\*Processional Hymn No. 528 "God of Grace and God of Glory"  
\*Ascription  
\*Exhortation  
\*Confession (In Unison) We offer you our thanks O God,  
for the rising of our Lord. But we also know we must  
come to you in confession. We confess our unwilling-  
ness at times to follow our Lord. We confess as well  
our willingness to sin even when we know we shouldn't.  
Forgive us Lord, cleanse us and renew us, for we  
pray in His name. Amen.  
\*Kyrie  
\*Assurance of Pardon  
\*Praise: Leader - Blessed be the Lord God  
People - And blessed be His glorious name forever.  
\*Gloria Patri - page 142  
Children's Moment  
Hymn No. 601 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"  
Call to Prayer: Pastor - The Lord be with You  
People - And with Thy Spirit  
Pastor - Let us pray.

Morning Prayer  
Offering  
Offertory  
\*Doxology - page 382  
Anthem: "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go"  
Paul & Donna Williams

Scripture: Luke 11: 1-13  
Sermon: "Grade Levels"  
\*Invitational Hymn No. 519 Savior, Again to Thy Dear  
Name We Raise"

\*Closing Chimes  
\*Benediction  
\*Postlude

+ + + + + \*Congregation Standing + + + + +  
The beautiful flowers on the altar have been placed by  
The Campbell Family in memory of Harvey Campbell.  
Mrs. Gladys Fair will greet our members and guests at  
the door this morning.

Ushering today are Marty Henry, Walter Hollefreund,  
John Snow and Jeff Snyder.

Nursery will be provided today by Mrs. Sue Davis.

Van Driver for next Sunday will be Jim Cannon.

Attendance last Sunday was 86 with 6 visitors.

Bonnie Cannon and Marge Smiley will be visiting the  
hospital this week.

Hospitalized: Dutch Bolam in West Penn in Pittsburgh  
Harold and Eleanor Peters in BMH. - DJF

SCHEDULE OF THIS WEEK: M.D. WILK

> Sunday - Bible Study at 7 P.M.

> Tuesday - Elders & Deacons Training Class at 7 P.M.

> Sunday School Teachers Meeting at 7 P.M.

- Wednesday - Ladies Spring Banquet at 6 P.M. Bring a  
tureen and table service for everyone that  
is attending with you. This is open to all  
women of the church and their guests.  
Meat, dessert, and beverage will be provided.

UPCOMING EVENTS: PARADE MAY 20 - ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN  
> May 13th - The Youth will be conducting the service of  
worship at 11:00 A.M.

> May 14th - VBS meeting at 7 P.M. This is very important  
and we need all teachers, helpers, and any  
one that is working with VBS there!!!!

> TV Lay Readers are needed for May 30th and June 6th. This  
is for the TV tapings done at St. Paul's Catholic church.  
If you would do this for us, please see the Pastor.

> The Butler Fellowship of Churches is holding its annual  
fellowship dinner on May 10th. If you would like to  
attend please see the office. The tickets at \$6.00 each.  
We need to know by Monday if at all possible.

Rev. Link has just completed his TV taping series. He will  
be on TV the week of May 20th.

At the close of the service the invitation is extended to  
each worshipper to respond to God's leading for your  
life. This invitation gives the opportunity to accept  
Christ, to pray, to meditate or to seek counseling.  
The Pastor will assist you if you desire.



COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH - JAGANNATH, FL. - APRIL 20, 1997

PRELUDE

GREETINGS/JOYS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRAYER REQUESTS

ANSWERED PRAYERS THIS WEEK

BIRTHDAYS - EMILIA 22nd, LAURE 24th

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SCRIPTURE: LUKE 11:1-13

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BUTLER, ST. PAUL - 8/6/90

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(THIS BOY, FIRST LVL OF SKUL: NO W/ BEE 2MADEN)

HE IS LERN PROGR & NO VITAL TO ALL

NOTES OF JH NOTIC HE IN HART OF PRAY & NO B/ LEAD -----

VS 1=PRAYEST 2R TANT HOW TO PRAY

VS 2=VS GIVE "AN" MODN 4PRAY - NOT "THE" PRAY, BUT "MODEL"

THIS IS A PATTERN FOR PRAY

(EMPHAT ON THIS PRAY & BASIC OUTLINE)

HE CUD CAL THIS SECTIN OF SCRIP - "GOD'S SKUL OF PRAY"

EXAMPL=LERN PRAY, ARITHMETIC, WRITING, ETC - 3RD SKUL LEVEL

PRAY & L'S PRAY JH LSTRT PDS, JH KNO THIS & THEN GIV PARABL --

VS 5-7=PRO NO TRAVL NITE-BUT IF "ID, WUD STOP AT PLANNES HOS

PEASNE NO CHYN=DAUGER, FAMLY HUND 4=ARNT, LSTURB OTHERS, animals

VS 8=IMPOSSIBLY=PERSISTENCE, URGE/INTREAT PERSIST

HE NO TAK NO LATER - WSO PEREN GIV BCUZ PERSISTING IN ASK

VS 9=THIS HI SKUL LEVEL - HE KNO FORMULA 4PRAY & ASK AGIN/AGIN

NOT MEAN TRY BEND GIV WIL 2CURS, BUT CUM, ASK, ASK, ASK IN FAITH,

& HE WIL ANSP AS HE WILLS

(THIS BOY DITE, GET HEAT, BUT DETERMINED 2WIN)

IF PRAY PERSISTENTLY CAN KNO G WIL ANSP - BUT WUD CONTINE 2PRAY

VS 11-12=JH SAY NO WRTLY PARABL WUD KNOWINGLY GIV BETHIN 2PARB

OR HURT THER CHILDREN

THIS COLLECT LEVEL

1st=FOUNDATION - L'S PRAY, MODEL FOR PRAY

2nd=PRAY PARTLY IT, ASK AGIN & AGIN, PRAY OFTEN - PERSISTENCE

3rd=UNDERSTAND HOW GOD ANSWERS -

WUD BE MEAN KNO LST 2PRAY FOR

(THIS REV FATHER & DAVE 4RECOVER OF WOMAN IN MATERNITY CARD)

OUR PRAYING WUD INFORMED - SPECIFIC BUT ACURATE

VS 13=THIS GRADUATE LEVEL OF PRAY

T POINT IS - FATHERIN DAVE 1ST - DAVE DIVINER ARUV/RYON THE

ALLDAY EXPECTATION OF ANYONE

G NOT ONLY ANSW PRAY, BUT PERSONLY CUM IN2 HART/LIVE HIS

PEOP 2DIRHC THEN LIVE

VS 14=2 XL, RECLIV H SP

BUT H 3D WUD OPERATV & EVIDENT CUD LIVE ONLY AS HE LET HIM

HE IS THER, BUT DO W/ LET HIM LEAD, DIRECT, GUIDE?!!!!

(THIS H 3D SPK 2COLER SISTER)

THAT IS TH/WHENIC WAT JH MAY SAY HERE

IN PRAYING/PRAYING H SP/WHIT 2DIRHC WATVR SAY FATHER WANTS OF

HE & FROM IS

BUT CANT KNO/LERN ANY OF THIS IF UN'TIL 2SMUL & GET OWN 2THAT

PERSNL RELATSHIP W/GOD

HE NO STAN SAY OFF SUMMER ABWIT JHONS LK DIAL PHON & WAIT

4PRAY TO ANSP

HE WAIT 4H IN NITE UR JOY/SORRO/ANGER /IN IN/CHERING/WATVR

HE WANT REVEAL WUD ON IT U WIL LET HIM - JH LK ALL SKULING

CAN ONLY LERN 2PRAY IF APPL WAT HE HAV LERN

WAT IS OUR GRADU LEVEL IN PRAY/PRAYING??

LETS DETERMIN 2DAY PRAY/PRAYING 4us INDIVID & AS CONG IS GO 2B

2WTH VS HE CONTINE 2SMUL SECT OF

PR/PRAYING IS - "COME INTO ME" & I PRAY ALL WIL ANSP THAT

INVITATION IN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER THIS DAY & FR/MOR ON



we try 2 bend G's wil 2ours, but duz mean we cum 2/  
 2him a faith kno we wil giv ansr as we wils  
 (Plus ynr bow fite, get beat, but detrm wil win)  
 we may not 3 in control circums, but if pray consistnly we can kno  
 somehow G wil ansr - but mus rrvy & continu 2pray  
 Vss 11-12-Is mak op tween G th/F & eightly fathr  
 say if earthly parents wud not knowingly giv childrn anyth wud  
 hurt them, hurt them  
 This Colez lev1  
 lat 2ndatin  
 then lern only it & now undrst how G ansrs,  
 but mus kno wat pray for  
 (Plus Rev. Arley Sadness & prayn 4womn maternly ward)  
 our prayrs need 2B informd  
 but in G's skul of 2ravr ther gradust lev1 also  
 Is conclud nortin Corin - Vss 13  
 nt here is 2d ray off; pray dividends abuv & Myon wilder expecs of  
 anyone  
 G not only ansrs our prayrs, but persnly cumz ind th/herts/livs  
 of his pec 2direc ther livs  
 wen cum 2Yr we receiv 2B Or  
 but 2B Or wil only 2B as opertiv/eviden in our livs as we let Him  
 He's ther, but do we let Him direc, lead, & guid?  
 (Plus 2B spk 2 oldr gistr)  
 Now that is evidenc of wat Is say here  
 in our prayrs - praying, th/H Or awaits 2direc us in watever way  
 th/T wants of us & from us  
 but we cant kno or lern any of this if we 2 unwill 2seek 2ret dwn  
 2that persnl relatsip w/G  
 We no stan off sumplac await 2r sumons much lik wud dial phn 2tal  
 2friend who ansr  
 We is w/H, merely await 2srk 2B in midst 2r joy/soro, pain/suffr  
 want reveal self 2B, but only wil if 2B let Him  
 jus as we lern 4, 3, 2's, & aply them 2lern read/writ, so we can lern  
 about prayr & praying only if we arly wat we lernd  
 Wat is 2r Grad Lev1  
 2B true it no stop w/Now 2 lay me dwn 2sleep stage  
 but has cum 2plac of Grad lev1 wher 2B led by & kno 2B Or  
 work thru & w/in 2r lif  
 Let us detrm 2day that prayr 2us indivdly & as cong is so 2B  
 sumth ea us continues 2skul slvs on  
 His invitatin is=Cum unto Me & 2 pray that all us wil ansr that  
 invitatin in one way or nothr this day



## "Grade Levels"

Scripture: Luke 11:1-13

(Illustration of boy, first day at school, and not going back tomorrow)

"A small boy came home from his first day in school. He was almost in tears and he spluttered, 'I'm not going to school tomorrow.' 'And why not, son?' his mother asked.

"Well, I can't write and I can't read, and they won't let me talk, so what's the use?"

The object of education is for it to be a learning process. Education is vital to anyone.

We all know that the state mandates that our children receive an education. But beyond that, most people desire to learn a variety of different things by taking either additional courses at different institutions, or by being taught by a friend or relative. The disciples of Jesus had noticed that He was in the habit of praying. They knew that He sought His Father's guidance frequently. So it comes as no surprise that Luke writes, "Now it came to pass, that, as He was praying in a certain place, when He ceased, one of His disciples said to Him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.' And He said unto them, 'When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth. Give us day by day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.'" verses 1-4.

Here is what we could call "God's School of Prayer." This part of it is the First Grade Level. This is the basic, fundamental pattern of prayer. I'm sure we can all remember learning how to write in school. When we knew what the letter "A" was, then we had to write an "A" after the one of the paper in front of us. Then it was a "B" and then a "C" and so on. When we learned arithmetic it was the scales,  $1 + 1 = 2$ , and so on. We read, "See Spot run. See Spot catch the ball," and so on. Over and over we would go through these exercises and we stored those things in our memory banks and refer to them again and again. This prayer is the model for all future prayers. It doesn't mean this is the only prayer we know. God forbid that we have stayed at the first grade level and can only pray at meals, "Go ~~is~~ great," or at bedtime, "Now I lay me down to sleep." Jesus never meant what we call "The Lord's Prayer" to be the only prayer we ever pray. He meant it as a pattern. We recognize God as our Father, and we pray thus. We recognize that only from Him can we receive the necessities of life, and we pray thus. We recognize that we need to come to Him for forgiveness and we pray for ourselves and our enemies forgiveness, and we pray thus. And we recognize that what we pray for must be according to God's will, and we pray for things in His will. But that's only the starting point. Although we come back to the basics over and over again, we would never seek to have our children go through the first grade year after year.

Jesus knowing this reality told His disciples a parable about a friend of a friend. He put it this way, (read verses 5 & 6). The friend's response is, "And he from within shall answer and say, 'Trouble me not: the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give thee,'" verse 7.

When we read this it may seem like this is a lame excuse. But the fact of the matter is, that this friend was justified in refusing to help his friend. It would have been unusual for someone to be knocking on a friend's door at midnight. People stopped before dark to make arrangements for lodging when they were traveling. But suppose a man was out and for some unknown reason didn't stop, the logical place to seek food and lodging would be from a

friend. And late at night only a friend would open the door because once the door was shut for the night people didn't open it. But there were other reasons as well. The family all slept huddled together for warmth and anyone arising from the mat would disturb all the others. That is why Jesus said the man answered, "My children are in bed with me; I cannot arise and give thee," verse 7B.

One other reason perhaps was because it was also customary for many people to bring the livestock inside for the night to keep them safe. So there may have been chickens, goats and other animals in the sleeping quarters as well. Anyone getting up would disturb family and animals. So we can see why the awakened man did not want to get up.

So Jesus said, "I say unto you, 'Though he will not rise and give him, because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him as many as ~~needed~~ he needeth," verse 8.

The word used for "importunity" here actually means "persistence." So Jesus was saying that because of the man's persistence, not taking no for an answer, the man will give him the bread he is asking for. The man would be persistent due to the fact that the hospitable thing to do was to feed guests no matter what time they arrived. To do less was to be considered a poor host and inhospitable. So Jesus adds, "And I say unto you, 'Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For every-one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened,'" verses 9 & 10.

This is the High School level. We know the formula for prayer and we keep applying it again and again. This doesn't mean we are trying to bend God's will to ours. But it does mean that we come to Him in faith knowing that He will give us His answer as He wills.

(Illustration of young boy fighting, getting beaten, but determined he would win)

A man traveling down the streets of a large city stopped at a traffic light and he looked out the window and saw two boys fighting in an alley. One of the boys was a lot bigger than the other one and so he was beating the little fellow up. He would knock him down, and the little guy would get right back up only to be knocked down again. At first, the motorist wasn't going to intervene, but finally he pulled his car over, ran into the alley yelling for the bigger boy to quit beating up on the little guy. But surprisingly, the smaller boy said, "Mind your own business mister. I ain't got my second wind yet, and when I do I am going to clobber this guy."

We may not be in control of circumstances. But if we pray persistently, we can know that somehow God is going to answer. But we must pray and continue to pray.

Jesus made a comparison between God the Father and earthly fathers. He asked, "If a son ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? Or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? Or if he shall ask for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion?" verses 11 & 12.

Jesus is saying that earthly parents would not knowingly give their children anything that would harm them or hurt them. This is the College level. First the foundation, then learning to apply it, and now understanding how God answers. But we must know what to pray for.

(Illustration of Rev. Arley Fadness & prayer for woman's recovery in maternity ward)

Rev. Arley Fadness tells of when he was a student at Augustana Academy in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. It was the custom of students to go in small groups on Sunday afternoon to the hospital to visit the sick and take turns praying for their recovery. When it was his turn on one of these first visits, nervously, he prayed for God to heal the woman and to spare her any recurrence of the illness. After he finished his prayer and they went back into the hall he was told they were in the maternity ward.

Our prayers need to be informed.

But in God's School of ~~xxx~~ Prayer there is the Graduate level also. Jesus concluded this portion of Scripture by saying, "If we then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children; how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him?" verse 17.

The point being made here is that the education pays off. It pays dividends above and beyond the wildest expectations of anyone. God not only answers our prayers, but He personally comes into the hearts and lives of His people to direct their lives. When we ~~xxxx~~ come to Christ we receive the Holy Spirit. But the Holy Spirit will only be as operative and evident in our lives as we let Him. He's there, but do we let Him direct, and lead, and ~~xxxx~~ guide?

(Illustration of Holy Spirit speaking to older sister)

Two teenage sisters moved to a new community. Not having any friends there, they eagerly accepted an invitation to a Christian youth gathering. After attending several times, the older sister accepted Christ as her Savior and encouraged her younger sister to do likewise. The younger sister was still skeptical about the whole matter. Finally, as a result of the older sister's persistence, the younger sister knelt by the bed and prayed silently, "If there really is a God, then put your hand on my head so I can know it." At that very moment the older sister was impressed to place her hand on ~~xxx~~ her sister's head as she was kneeling and silently praying. Immediately the younger sister believed and when she got up from the bedside she asked her sister, "Did you put your hand on my head?" The older sister said, "Yes." ~~Thx~~ She asked, "Why did you do that?" And the older sister simply replied, "God told me to."

Now that is the evidence of what Jesus was saying here. In our prayers and praying, the Holy Spirit awaits to direct us in whatever way the Father wants of us and from us. But we can't know or learn any of this if we are unwilling to seek to get down to that personal relationship with God. He's not standing away off somewhere awaiting your summons much like you would dial the phone and await a friend to answer. He is with you merely waiting to speak to you in the midst of your joy or sorrow, or your pain and suffering. He wants to reveal Himself to you, but He only will if you will let Him. Just as we learned the A.B.C's, and applied them to learn to read and write, so we can learn ~~xxx~~ about prayer and praying only if we apply what we have learned.

What is your "Grade Level?" I trust that it hasn't stopped at the "Now I lay me down to sleep stage," but has come to the place of the Graduate level where you are being led by, and know the Holy Spirit working within your life.

Let us determine today that prayer for us individually and as a congregation is going to be something each of us continues to school ourselves on. His invitation is, "Come unto Me," and I pray that all of us will answer that invitation in one way or another this day.



St. Paul's United Church of Christ  
Butler, Pennsylvania

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP SERVICE May 13, 1990  
Robert Weisenstein, Youth Director  
Mr. Dale Rice, Minister of Music  
Acolytes: Toni Jo Patsy and Meron Hewis

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ORDER OF WORSHIP 11:00 A.M.

Prelude

Chiming of the Hour

Announcements

Congregational Greeting

Joys

Prayer Requests

\*Opening Hymn No. 2 "How Great Thou Art"

\*Ascription

\*Exhortation

\*Confession ( In Unison) Eternal Father, we want you to love us; but we have not yet learned how to love each other, even those who are as close to us as our own families. We are quick to see another's faults, but we are insensitive to their feelings. We hear others speak, but we do not listen to the deeper meanings which underline their words. We pass by those who carry heavy burdens of worry we could share, and we pay no attention. We are deaf and blind, careless and selfish. Forgive us Father, for our unnumbered sins; and teach us to love others in the true spirit of our Lord Jesus. Amen.

\*Kyrle

\*Assurance of Pardon

\*Praise: Leader - Blessed be the Lord God

People - And blessed be His glorious name forever.

\*Gloria Patri - page 142

Poem: "For My Mother"

Adult Moment

Poem: "To Mother"

Hymn No. 6 "This Is My Father's World"

Call to Prayer: Leader - The Lord be with You

People - And with Thy Spirit

Leader - Let us pray.

Morning Prayer

Offering

Offertory

\*Exodus - page 387

Poem: "You're Like a Mother to Me"

Antiphon: "King of the Jungle/Swing Low, Sweet Chariot"

Poem: "Mom"

Scripture: Proverbs 31: 15-31

Sermon: "Devotion of a Mother"

Poem: "Because I'm Mother's Day"

\*Invitational Hymn No. 634 "Oh, how I Love Jesus"

\*Closing Chimes

\*Prayer to Mother

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

+ + + + + \*Congregation Standing + + + + +

The beautiful flowers on the altar have been placed by Mr. & Mrs. Paul Campbell in memory of Mr. & Mrs. James Christy.

John Penrod of the Youth Fellowship will greet our members and guests at the door this morning.

Ushering today are Alta Kradel, Lois Stokes, Donna Stewart, and Alma Dally.

Nursery will be provided today by Mrs. Bonnie Cannon.

Van Driver for next Sunday will be Joe Youngblood.

Attendance last Sunday was 107 with 6 visitors.

Dick Mengel and Bill Snyder will be visiting the Hospital

this week.

Hospitalized:

VBS meeting will be held on Monday evening at 7:00 P.M. We need all teacher, helpers, etc. there.

Layman's Dinner will be held May 17th at 6:30 P.M. at Grace Church in Harmony. This is Ladies Night. See Jake Harmon for tickets. The price is \$5.00 each.

Next Sunday the Youth will be serving coffee and donuts after Sunday School and before church. Take a minute and have a donut with them.

Rev. Ralph Partelow will be with us next Sunday for the morning worship service. He will be leaving for Africa again in August.

Soup & Sandwich Luncheon will be sponsored by the Youth for next Sunday after church. I hope you will take the time to join us for lunch. It will also give you an opportunity to visit with Rev. Partelow.

At the close of the service the invitation is extended to each worshipper to respond to God's leading for your life. The altar is open to everyone. This invitation gives the opportunity to accept Christ, to pray, to meditate, or to seek counseling. The Pastor will assist you if you desire.



St. Paul's United Church of Christ  
Butler, Pennsylvania

Rev. Ralph Link, Pastor May 20, 1990

Rev. Ralph Partelow, Guest Speaker  
Mr. Robert Weisenstein, Youth Director  
Mr. Dale Rice, Minister of Music  
Acolytes: Chris Shearer and Mike Brinker

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ORDER OF WORSHIP 11:00 A.M.

Prelude

Chiming of the Hour

Announcements

Congregational Greeting

Joys

Prayer Requests

\*Processional Hymn No. 658 "O Zion, Haste, Thy Mission  
High Fulfilling"

\*Ascription

\*Call to Worship:

Pastor - O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:  
fear before Him all the earth.

People - Say among the heathen that the Lord reigneth:  
the world also shall be established that it  
shall not be moved: He shall judge the  
people righteously.

Pastor - For He cometh, for He cometh to judge the  
earth.

People - He shall judge the world with righteousness  
and the people with all His truth.

\*Prayer of Invocation (in Unison) We thank Thee, our  
Father, for Thy Son, who taught us that our field is  
the world. We marvel how the whole world was  
encompassed in His view, even as He walked within the  
narrow boundaries of Palestine. We cast down our eyes  
in shame, for the isolated and parochial smallness of  
our own vision. Grant unto us broad vistas, that we  
may see in this our age, the wide doors of opportunity  
standing open before us. We pray that with the vast  
means at our disposal, we may seize the opportunities  
to send forth Thy truth, and participate in new and  
strengthened witness, and Christian service, to the  
ends of the earth; through Him, who has already gone  
before us to make ready His way, we pray. Amen.

\*Praise: Pastor - Blessed be the Lord God

People - And blessed be His glorious name forever.

\*Gloria Patri - page 142

Children's Moment - 4:40

Hymn No. 661 "Rescue the Perishing"

Pastoral Prayer - 4:45

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

\*Doxology - page 382

Anthem: "Something"

Scripture: Philippians 1: 1-11

Sermon: "Missions Is A Partnership"

\*Hymn of Invitation No. 659 "We've a Story to Tell to  
the Nations"

\*Closing Chimes

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

+ + + + + \*Congregation Standing + + + + +

The beautiful flowers on the altar have been placed by  
Mr. & Mrs. Marty Henry in honor of their daughter  
Michelle's marriage yesterday.

Mr. & Mrs. Carl Hollefreund Jr. will greet our members  
and guests at the door this morning.

Visiting today are Chuck Pedersen, Nicole Morrison, Anna  
Gonzalez and Scott Bart.

Nursery will be provided today by Mrs. Marge Smiley.

Van Driver for next Sunday will be Mike Roper.

Attendance last Sunday was 111 with 15 visitors.

Sandy Shepeck and Kathy Goda will be visiting the  
hospital this week.

\*Hospitalized: Mildred Wiles in BWH.

SOUP & SANDWICH luncheon will be served immediately  
following the service today in Rehoboth Hall. This is  
sponsored by the Youth Group. All proceeds from this  
will go toward Rev. Partelow's missions.

We express our thanks to the youth for doing the  
service last Sunday. Well done! We appreciate all of  
your efforts and willingness to service the church.

We hope you will join the Youth between Sunday School and  
Church today for some coffee and donuts. This will be  
served in Rehoboth Hall.

A Lay Reader is need for the IV taping on June 6th. If  
you are interested in doing this, please see the office.

FIDELITY RYDLE CLARK BIRMINGHAM, ALA. LUMEN  
AND TO MARCH

St. Paul's United Church of Christ  
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ORDER OF WORSHIP 11:00 A.M.

Prelude

Chiming of the Hour

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Joys

Prayer Requests

\*Processional Hymn No. 690 "America the Beautiful"

\*Ascription

\*Invocation

\*Pledge of Allegiance to the Christian Flag

I pledge allegiance to the Christian flag,  
and to the Savior for whose kingdom it stands,  
one brotherhood, uniting all mankind in  
service and love.

Hymn No. 687 "God of Our Fathers"

Morning Prayer

Offering

Offertory

\*Doxology - page 382

Anthem: "Battle Hymn of the Republic"

Scripture: Joshua 4: 1-9

Sermon: "These Stones"

Our Memorial Day Response"

\*Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

\*Closing Hymn "God Bless America" (sing through twice)

God bless America, land that I love  
Stand beside her, and guide her  
Thru the night with a light from above  
From the mountain, to the prairies, to  
the oceans white with foam  
God bless America, My home sweet home,  
God bless America, My home sweet home.

\*Taps

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

+ + + + + \*Congregation Standing + + + + +

The beautiful flowers on the altar have been placed by  
Mr. & Mrs. Jim Gannon and family in memory of Loved Ones.  
Mrs. Fanchon Hindman will greet our members and guests  
at the door this morning.  
Serving as Ushers today are Dick Mangel, Donley Martin,  
Don Kingsley and Dick Dally.

Nursery will be provided today by Mrs. Catherine Johnston.  
Attendance last Sunday was 95 with 10 visitors.

Van Driver for next Sunday will be Dick Dally.

Paul Kiemer and Donley Martin will be visiting the hospital

this week.

> Hospitalized: Mildred Wiles in BMH and Harry Davis in  
Mercy Hospital in Pittsburgh  
Mrs. Lavere Nulph in BMH

> We are in need of a lay Reader for the TV taping on June  
6th. If you would like to volunteer, please see Rev.  
Link.

This week the Pastor and several men from our church will  
be attending the Moody Pastor's Conference. If you have  
a need or concern, please get in touch with Ginny at  
the church office or at home.

> NEXT SUNDAY: Altar communion will be observed and we will  
also recognize anyone graduating from high school or  
college. Please get this information into the office.  
At this time we have not heard of anyone graduating.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER:

- June 4 - Benevolence Committee meeting at 7 P.M.
- 6 - Council meeting at 7 P.M.
- 10 - VBS Pre-registration will be held at 7 P.M.  
followed with the making of a "sundae."  
Come and pre-register early and have some  
fun and fellowship with the VBS staff.
- 12 - Finance committee meeting at 7 P.M.

ELDERMS - don't forget your scheduled meeting on June 7  
at 8:00 P.M. This is important!!!

Have a safe and happy holiday weekend!

COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH - SAGAMORE, PA. - JUNE 5, 1994

PRELUDE  
GREETINGS/JOYS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRAYER REQUEST

\*HYMN  
RESPONSIVE SCRIPTURE  
OFFERING/PRAYER  
\*DOXOLOGY  
PASTORAL PRAYER  
HYMN  
SCRIPTURE: JOSHUA 4:1-9  
SERMON: "THESE STONES" - ST. PAUL'S, BUTLER 5/2790  
\*HYMN  
\*BENEDICTION  
\*POSTLUDE

U.S.P. 1994

2:15 PM

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REMARK / B.L.C.

SCRIP: JOSHUA 4:1-9; Sermon: "THESE STONES"

(ILUS YNG BOY & WASH MONUMENT)

HERE IN SCOTLAND STANDS A DISC HIS TWO SET ACID MEMORIAL  
G TUK CRT CAMP INFORM PRO IMPROV OF VAT THEY DYE  
2 MILLION TWO, INCLUD WOMEN/CHILDREN CAN BING BIV JORD FLUD STAGE  
TH I LIVED PRIEST BEAR ARK-STEED INCT WATER  
JOHN NO MAK SENS, BUT THEN G PRNT ALWAYS DO LOGICL THINGS  
THERE LARN EUSON DIF COATING-BED SPA, 2 NOV TH/JORDAN  
THI OCASIN ISLES WER MARK CROSSING AS REMINDER FUTURE GENERATIONS  
VS 1-3-TH/ORDERS TO MAPY THIS CROSSING AS REMINDER  
VS 4-5-JOSHUA DIF AS G CACOND  
THIS NOT JUS ONE STONE=ENTIXXXXXX BUT 12 STONES  
THIS MAY BA TRIBE HAD PART THIS MEM  
VS 6-REASON TO DO THIS

VS 7-ANSWER TO QUESTIN BOUT THIS

VS 8-PFC CREMENT

VS 9-THIR 12 DIF STONES

VS 9B-THIR AT TIME JOSH WRITE

THEN READ ON PRIESTS CAM UP OUT OF WATR AFTR PEC ALL PASS OVER  
VS 19=ALL ON DRY GROUND

VS 20=JOSHUA ERECT MEM OF 12 STONES

VSS 21-24=JOSH AGIN INSTRU

EXAMPL LIBERAL BIB SCHOLAR & INCIDENT DIDNT HAV MUCH MEANING  
REASON=HISTRY OF JEWS TUK PLACE FAR REMOV FR/JCRDN RIVER  
JN BAP MINSTRY TUK PLACE HERE

JS WAS BAPTIZD HERE

MAYBE MEM MIDL RIVER WASH AWAY W/FLUDS

VERY POSSBL MEM ON LAND THER WEN JS BAPTIZED  
ANYONE SEE THOZ STONES MAY WEL ASK = WAT MEAN THEZ STONES??

JOSH 4 SEE THIS & WROT VS 21

WAT MEAN THEZ STONES??

PREASONS BOTH SPERITUL

FIRST=PEC WUD KNO WHO G IS

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VS 23=MIRAC EVENTS & ONLY SUPRNATURAL PERSN CUD DO THIS

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WHAT MEAN THESE STONES???

D-DAY & STONES IN CEMETARIES IN EUROPE & AMERICA

EACH STONE IS REMINDER OF A LIFE LIVED & OF TH/PRICE PAID FOR  
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BUT UNFORTUNATELY, IT HAS BCUM A FREDUM 2FORGET WAT FREDUM COSTS

(ILUS GRAVE OF FORGOTTEN SOLDIER'S GRAVE)

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## "These Stones"

Scripture: Joshua 4:1-9

(Illustration of boy and remark about Washington Monument)

Judge John Lorenzo took a friend's young son on a sight-seeing tour of Washington, D.C. When they got to the Washington Monument the space-aged, missile-minded young boy stared at it for a while and then said, "They'll never get it off the ground."

This is an example of why God had the people of Israel mark the crossing of the Jordan as they did. And it is an example of why Joshua took particular care to inform the people of the importance of what they were doing.

About two-million people, including the women and children had come to the edge of the Jordan River when it was at flood stage. The Lord had directed that the priests bearing the Ark of the Covenant should step into the River. The command didn't make much sense, but then God doesn't always do what seems to be the most logical. And the Israelites had learned this lesson on several previous occasions. Just as God had caused the Red Sea to stop flowing, so He caused the River Jordan to cease as well. But on this occasion the Israelites were to mark this crossing as a reminder to all future generations. So ~~xxx~~ Joshua writes, (Read verses 1-3). Then we read that Joshua did what God had commanded him to do, (Read verses 4 and 5). Notice, that this was not to be just one stone to represent all of the nation of Israel, but it was to be 12 stones, one from each tribe. In this way ALL of the nation had a representation in this memorial.

Joshua was aware that a time would come when the children growing up would question why this memorial had been observed. So Joshua explains, (Read verse 6). The reason for the stones is as a memorial because of what God did miraculously and Joshua states this in the 7th verse, (Read this verse). Then we read that the people were obedient, (verse 8, Read this), and we read that Joshua had 12 stones raised in the middle of the Jordan. At this point we need to add that these are not the same 12 stones spoken of thus far in this chapter. Actually there were two piles of stones set up as a memorial. The twelve men chosen to carry the stones across the Jordan did so. But Joshua also had 12 stones taken from the riverbed at the place where that Ark sat while the people were crossing over. Joshua then took those stones, (and probably with others as a substructure), raised those 12 stones above the water to be seen by any and all who passed that this was a special memorial. Joshua writing of this says simply, "And they are there unto this day," verse 9B. As of when he wrote this, the stones in the middle of the River Jordan were still there.

Reading on in this chapter we see that the priests came out of the water after the people had all passed over and in the 19th verse we read, "And the people came up out of Jordan on the tenth day of the first month, and encamped in Gilgal, in the east border of Jericho," verse 19.

Now, we read of Joshua erecting the memorial of the 12 stones taken from the River Jordan by a member of each of the 12 tribes, (Read verse 20). Joshua again instructs concerning the questioning of their children and the reason for doing this as we read in verses 21-24.

Incidentally, I happened to be reading what some liberal Biblical scholar had to say about this incident, and his statement had to do with ~~xxxxxxx~~ his thinking that this incident didn't



most of have much meaning, because the history of the Jews took place far removed from the Jordan River. But what this man was not taking into consideration was that the ministry of John the Baptist took place in this stretch of the Jordan and it was here that Jesus was baptized. It may well be that the monument in the middle of the Jordan had been swept away by the flood waters of the Jordan by the time John and Jesus came on the scene. But I would be willing to speculate that the memorial on the bank of the Jordan was still there.

"What mean These Stones?" There are perhaps many meanings we could apply. But I believe there are two basic reasons given. Both of them are spiritual. The first is that the people of Israel would know who God is. The only other occasion where the then known world had known of such a miraculous event was when the Israelites came out of Egypt and the Red Sea was parted so they could cross. Now who could do such a mighty deed? Only One who was completely supernatural. All of the other so called gods of man never performed any miraculous feat such as this. This proved that the God of the Israelites was for real. This testimonial is what Joshua is giving the people as we read in the 23rd verse, (Read it is).

The second reason was to demonstrate that those who belonged to God were free. God created man to be free. It has ever been His will that His people should be free. But in order to be free, there was a price to be paid. That price always was and always will be obedience. The Israelites were asked to obey and God said He would do wondrous things for them. This was a miraculous example of the fulfillment of that promise. But freedom costs, and this freedom was no exception. Jesus said, "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free."

He was the truth and in order to have the freedom He promised it costs a life of discipleship; of obedience to Him. To do that means the sacrifice of the lure of the world and all its charms. Our nation was founded upon the truth of following God and America became free.

(Illustration of George Washington and future cost of freedom)

On Jay Island during the Revolutionary War some hungry and dispirited ~~men~~ soldiers dragged themselves and their wounded comrades into an old barn. The tide of battle was against them and they were discouraged. At that moment General George Washington entered the barn and gave them the truth about their situation. He said, "I promise those who will follow me further, no chance of victory, for by my God, I see none; no glory or gain, or laurels returning home, but rather wounds and death, cold and disease and hunger, and winters to come such as this, with our bloody trail in the snow, and no end to it till you shovel each other in with those at Valley Forge!"

As the weary soldiers prepared to bury a dead comrade, General Washington faced them with thoughtful and bitter words: "This liberty will look easy by and by when nobody dies to get it."

Someone sarcastically said recently, "Memorial Day gives us a weekend so we can have three days of Blue Light specials." "This liberty will look easy when nobody dies to get it."

How true those words. "What mean These Stones?" Each stone in each cemetery is the memorial of a life lived upon this earth. Those stones which mark the graves of soldiers who died in battle are a memorial of the price paid for our freedom. Unfortunately, it has become our freedom to forget what our freedom has cost.

(Illustration of soldiers grave unmarked by a flag)

Recently I was in a cemetery and noted the flags flying beside the grave of those who served in our armed forces. I happened to walk past an old, weathered tombstone of a lonely grave



by itself. There was no evidence that this man had any family or relatives buried near or around him. The tombstone looked like one of those old white marble types. The lettering was almost obliterated, and actually there were only two lines which had been carved on it. The top line listed the man's name as Private ~~so~~ and so. And the next line simply gave the date of his death, ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ sometime in 1908. Here was a veteran perhaps of the Civil War, or the Spanish American War, or who just served in the army of his country and died while in the service. But he was forgotten. No flag, no reminder that he served his country.

God didn't want His people to forget the freedom which was theirs after they came into the ~~xxx~~ Promised Land. They set up this memorial simply known as "These Stones." We are reminded of the cost of our freedom as we observe days such as Memorial Day. But we need to be reminded in our churches of the cost of the freedom we have through Jesus Christ. He gave Himself completely so that we can have that special relationship with God. This holiday, this weekend we need to thank God for the freedom we enjoy as a nation, but especially the freedom which is ours through Christ.

St. Paul's United Church of Christ  
Butler, Pennsylvania  
Rev. Ralph Link, Pastor June 3, 1990  
Mr. Robert Weisenstein, Liturgist  
Mr. Dale Rice, Minister of Music  
Acolytes: Jennifer Gannon and Tommy Vensel  
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ORDER OF WORSHIP 11:00 A.M.

Prelude  
Chiming of the Hour  
Announcements  
Congregational Greeting  
Joys  
Prayer Requests  
\*Processional Hymn No. 147 "Spirit of God, Descend  
upon My Heart"  
\*Ascription  
\*Call to Communion and Confession (Communion Folder)  
\*Prayer of Confession (Communion Folder)  
\*Assurance of Pardon  
Call to Prayer: Pastor - The Lord be with You  
People - And with Thy Spirit  
Pastor - Let us pray.  
Morning Prayer  
Giving of our Tithes and Offerings  
Offertory  
\*Doxology - page 382  
Communion Hymn No. 162 "Holy Ghost, With Light Divine"  
\*Invitation to Communion  
\*Seraphic Hymn (Communion Folder)  
\*Institution and Consecration of the Elements  
Distribution of the Bread (when all are assembled at the  
rail, everyone kneel or stand, and please take a piece  
of bread)  
Distribution of the Cup (everyone please take a cup)  
\*Prayer of Thanksgiving  
Anthem: "The Green Cathedral"  
Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 4:14-18  
Sermon: "That Other Promise"  
\*Invitational Hymn No. 313 "The King is Coming"  
\*Closing Chimes  
\*Benediction  
\*Postlude  
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The beautiful flowers on the altar have been placed by  
Mr. & Mrs. William Johnston in memory of Loved Ones.  
Mrs. Lucille Tack will greet our members and friends at  
the door this morning.  
Those serving as Ushers today are Marty Henry, John Snow,  
Jeff Snyder They will also be  
directing you to the chancel rail for communion.  
Nursery will be provided today Kelly Mangel & Anna Gonzalez.  
Attendance last Sunday was 94 with 14 visitors.  
Van Driver for next Sunday will be Marty Henry.  
Virginia Mangel and Jim Cannon will be visiting the  
hospital this week.  
\*Hospitalized: Walter Hollefreund, Judy Bowser, Harold  
Peters, Mrs. Laverne Nulph and Mildred Wiles in BWH.  
Lay Reader is needed for Wednesday evening for the TV  
taping. If you could do this it would be appreciated.  
MONDAY - 7 P.M. Benevolence Committee meeting  
7 P.M. Property Committee will meet, bids are in.  
WEDNESDAY - Council meeting at 7 P.M.  
THURSDAY - Elders will meet at 6:30 to prepare for the  
Custodian interviews.  
Sunday, June 10th at 7 P.M. we will hold our pre-registration  
for VBS. Come to register and have a "sundae" on us.  
Finance Committee will meet June 12th at 7 P.M.  
Please take a minute today and fill out the communion cards  
that are in the pew racks so we have a record of your  
attendance and communing with us.  
The Office Staff will be attending a conference/workshop  
in Lancaster on Monday, will return Tuesday. If you  
have a need during this time, call Dick Mangel.  
We wish to extend our congratulations to any and all senior  
who will be graduating from high school or college.  
We received no names, but we wish them the best.  
The new Daily Bread booklets for June, July, August are  
in the Narthex.

At the close of the service the invitation is extended to  
each worshipper to respond the God's leading for your  
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Christ, to pray, to meditate, or to seek counseling.  
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 nor th/hour wherin th/Son of Man cometh, Mt 25:13  
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### "That Other Promise"

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 4:14-18

(Illustration of MacArthur returning to Philippines)

On October 20, 1944, a voice was ~~heard~~ broadcast for all the people of a recently oppressed and over run nation, "This is the Voice of Freedom, General MacArthur speaking. People of the Philippines: I have returned. By the Grace of Almighty God, our forces ~~again~~ stand again on Philippine soil....The hour of your redemption is here....Rally to me."

General MacArthur was forced to evacuate from the Philippines several years before. But prior to his departure he proclaimed, "I shall return."

It was on a spring day, much like this day some two-thousand years ago that Jesus stood on a hill outside of Jerusalem talking to His disciples. He had been with them 40 days since He had arisen from the tomb and now He was giving them final instructions. It was Luke who recorded these events for us, and he tells us in Acts 1:9, "And when He had spoken these things, while they beheld, He was taken up; and a cloud received Him out of their sight."

They continued to watch where He had been and "while they were looking up steadfastly toward ~~the~~ heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; which also said, 'Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven.'" verses 10-11.

The term, "In like Manner," means in Greek, "in this fashion, the same." So it is here that we see a promise made of something to happen in the future in exactly the same way. It pertains to ~~again~~ a promise of a future time. Throughout the history of the people of Israel God had made a promise of a coming Messiah, a deliverer. Now, this is "That Other Promise," which is called, "The Second Coming."

(Illustration of statistics from Scripture about prophecies of Jesus')

Prophecy occupies one-fifth of Scripture; and the Second Coming occupies one-third of that one-fifth.

Of the 333 prophecies concerning Christ, only 100 of them were fulfilled in His First Coming, leaving 233 yet to be fulfilled in His Second Coming.

Of the forty-six Old Testament prophets, less than ten of them speak of events in Christ's First Coming, while thirty-six of them speak of events connected with His Second Coming.

There are a total of 1,527 Old Testament passages referring to the Second Coming.

There are 7,959 verses in the New Testament, 230 of which refer directly to the Second Coming and that amounts to one ~~of~~ out of twenty-five.

Next to the subject of faith, the subject of the Second Coming is the most dominant subject in the New Testament.

For every time the First Coming is mentioned in the Bible, the Second Coming is mentioned eight times.

For every time the atonement is mentioned once, the Second Coming is mentioned twice.

The Lord refers to His return twenty-one times.

Men are exhorted to be ready for the return of Jesus Christ over fifty times.

This should give us a rough idea of the importance God places upon the Second Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. This is actually a two-stage event. The first part or stage, is what Paul is writing about in our Scripture. We are living in what is known as the Church Age according to God's timetable of events. This age will end in what is known as "The Rapture of the Church." The word "Rapture" comes from a Latin word which means to "Catch away." This catching away of the Church will take place with the appearance of Jesus in the clouds

as Paul is telling here. Then will follow the resurrection of the bodies of the dead, ~~xxxxxx~~ from their graves, and then the ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ believers who are still alive on the earth will be caught up in the clouds and go into heaven with Christ. The unbelieving dead will remain in their graves, and the unbelievers will remain on earth. Following this, there will be a 7 year period of what is called, "Tribulation." This will be 7 years of the most horrible times the world has ever seen. This seven year period will culminate in a world war where all of the nations of the world will converge on the land of Israel - the Battle of Armageddon. In ~~the~~ midst of this battle Jesus will actually, visibly and physically return to earth to destroy the wicked on earth, to bind ~~Satan~~ Satan, to cast the Antichrist and the False Prophet into the Lake of Fire, and to set up His millennial kingdom, or the one-thousand year reign.

All of this is the "Who" and "How" of the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. But we must ask the question, "Why?" Why is this necessary? The answer of course is that God made "This Promise." And if God made this promise, if He doesn't keep it He is a liar. Did He lie when He promised a Messiah would come? Did He lie when He promised this person would suffer rejection would be arrested, tried, and killed? Did He lie when He said He would come from the grave? No, in all of those things there was not one lie. So if He told the truth about those prophecies, why would He lie about this one? God does not lie, nor can He lie. Paul writes of this in his letter to Titus 1:1-2 - Read this. So to the question of "Why the Second Coming?" The answer is simply because God says so. It's His plan, His word and we need to know and understand it is to be for the ~~xxxxxxx~~ spiritual blessing of those who are His.

But we don't hear much made of "That Other Promise" and it is almost always on the "back burner," if it is even considered at all within the church. I believe the church has been lulled into a sense of false security by Satan. Peter promised this would happen when he wrote in his 2nd letter in chapter 3, verses 3 & 4, (Read these verses). What better way for Satan to infiltrate the church than to have believers saying, "Where is He? He isn't going to come," and then we doubt, and from our doubts springs unbelief, and we are unprepared. This is what Jesus was trying to teach in the parable of the 10 wise and the 10 foolish virgins. At the end of that parable recorded in the 25th chapter of Matthew, Jesus said, "Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of Man cometh," verse 13.

We are to watch and wait.

(Illustration of retarded children and dirty windows)

A man who runs a home for a group of retarded children was talking to one of his friends. The friend asked about caring for these children and inquired how difficult it may be to be cleaning up after them constantly. The man said that his biggest cleanup task was washing the windows almost every day. The other man asked, "Why would the windows get so dirty every day?" He answered, "Because the kids go to the windows many times a day, and look to see if Jesus is coming, and they smear the windows with their hands."

Are you looking for the coming of Jesus again? He could come at any time. Jesus Himself told us to watch and to wait.



St. Paul's United Church of Christ  
Butler, Pennsylvania

Rev. Ralph Link, Pastor June 10, 1990

Mr. Robert Weisenstein, Liturgist

Mr. Dale Rice, Minister of Music

Acolytes: Jennifer Gannon and Tom Vensel

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ORDER OF WORSHIP 11:00 A.M.

Prelude

Chiming of the Hour

Announcements

Congregational Greeting

Joys

Prayer Requests

\*Opening Hymn No. 305 "Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending"

\*Ascription

\*Exhortation

\*Confession (In Unison) We offer to thee, O Father, praise  
for the gift of thy Spirit. We are made aware that your  
love is given to us in many ways. When we are lonely,  
when we are filled with doubt, when we show unbelief, it  
is your Spirit that fills us with your truth. And when  
we burn with hatred, or anger, or selfishness, or greed,  
it is your Spirit which speaks to us with your love.  
Forgive us, and may your Spirit live, guide, and direct  
us in all ways. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

\*Kyrie

\*Assurance of Pardon

\*Praise: Leader - Blessed be the Lord God

People - And blessed be His glorious name forever.

\*Gloria Patri - page 142

Children's Moment

Hymn No. 486 "Open My Eyes That I May See"

Call to Prayer: Pastor - The Lord be with You  
People - And with Thy Spirit  
Pastor - Let us pray.

Morning Prayer

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Doxology - page 382

Hymn No. 497 "Like a River Glorious"

Scripture: Matthew 24: 32-42

Sermon: "That Other Promise: Watch"

\*Invitational Hymn No. 495 "It is Well with My Soul"

\*Closing Hymns

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

\*\*\*\*\* \*Congregation Standing \*\*\*\*\*

The beautiful flowers on the altar have been placed by  
Mr. & Mrs. Dick Dally in memory of Loved Ones.

Mr. & Mrs. Dick Mangel will greet our members and guests  
at the door this morning.

Ushering today are Jeanne Snyder, Judy Shearer and Helen  
Crawford.

Nursery will be provided today Bonnie Gannon.

Van Driver for next Sunday will be Bill Snyder.

Attendance last Sunday was 115 with 7 visitors.

Lloyd Link and Ray Isherwood will be visiting the  
hospital this week.

\*Hospitalized: Walter Hollefreund and Mary Sherman in BMH.  
Mid Diefenderfer in Allegheny General  
Hulda Lippold in Indiana hospital

\*TONIGHT!!! - at 7 P.M. we will be holding our pre-  
registration for Vacation Bible School. This is the  
opportunity to register early and to have an enjoyable  
"sundae" on us. VBS will be held June 18 - 22 from  
6:30 to 9:00. Hope to see you there and to make this a  
good year for VBS. We need you to make it a success!!!

\*TUESDAY - 7:00 P.M. Finance Committee meeting

\*Additional Hospitalizations:

Harry Davis in Mercy Hospital in Pittsburgh  
Sally Cubbison in BMH

Slavic Gospel Association  
Wheaton, IL. 60187

This is the address for the Russian Bible Collection that  
that we took up last Sunday. Again today the baskets  
will be at the door if you would like to contribute.

\*Work nite scheduled for June 12-6:30; need help Reimburse  
JUNE 24 - PICNIC IN PARK 8 W. RAMP

At the close of the service the invitation is extended to  
each worshipper to respond to God's leading for your  
life. This invitation gives the opportunity to accept  
Christ, to pray, to meditate, or to seek counseling.  
The altar is open to everyone. The Pastor will assist  
you if you desire.



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"That (ther Promise: Watch"

Scripture: Matthew 24:32-42

(Illustration of Milan Cathedral and three doors)

At the Cathedral in Milan there are three inscriptions over the respective doorways leading into the cathedral. Over the right-hand door is the inscription: "All that pleases is but for a moment." Over the left-hand door is the inscription; "All that troubles is but for a moment." But over the center door there is the simple sentence: "Nothing is important save that which is eternal."

That somewhat sums up the thinking of ~~xxx~~ much of the world. People are either concerned about having a good time and being entertained that many of them think of nothing else. Or else they are a part of the crowd that is only concerned about their particular problems to the exclusion of never giving a thought to others. And just how many are concerned with the things that are eternal. The President of Lancaster Bible College said just this past week something which makes a lot of sense. He was talking about being involved in church work and how we get caught up in the details of it all to the point of getting bent out of shape if our pet project is not carried out. The solution he said is to ask the question, "What difference will it make in the church a hundred years from now?" And you see the truth of that if you consider what some church people think is earthshattering. To get mad because a room is not painted green as we think it should be, or have yellow drapes. What difference will that make in a hundred years? But if we refuse to spend money to bring more people to the Lord, what difference would that make in a hundred years? You see, it is a matter of priorities. What is, or isn't important in the church?

I believe we can also see this in the matter of what church members and churches teach. There are churches where nothing but prophecy and future events are being taught. And the members of some of those churches are seeking to always go and hear yet another preacher giving his message on things to come. Then there are churches that will not under any circumstances look at the things yet to come such as the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. One extreme is as bad as the other, and there is always the danger of going overboard when considering these things. There is a certain balance we must seek to maintain, but it is imperative that we are aware that the Bible speaks of the return of Jesus Christ. There is a word which Jesus used that is recorded eleven different times in the Gospels. The word in Greek is "BEGRAPHON" (BEG - GR - PH - O), and it means, "to keep awake, be vigilant, wake, be watchful," Literally it means, "WATCH."

In trying to determine what we should "Watch," we need to look briefly at some of the events which Jesus Himself said would take place which would indicate the nearness of His next appearance. This week we have jumped ahead a little in order to see some things that most Biblical scholars believe have happened. And then next week we will look at things that are happening and will continue to happen leading up to that Appearance of Jesus Christ for His Church.

In the 32nd verse Jesus was teaching His disciples by telling them, "Now learn a parable of the fig tree; when his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh: so likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors," verses 32 & 33.

Almost all Biblical scholars concede that when a fig tree is mentioned in Scripture it has



to do with the nation of Israel. Jesus had told His disciples a number of things to come and He reminds them that they could interpret the season of the year by looking at a fig tree. It doesn't take a genius to know that after winter, when we see the buds beginning to grow on the trees that Spring is here and it won't be long until summer follows Spring and so on. So Jesus reminded the disciples that since they could deduce this, they were to look for signs that would point them to His return. Israel was no longer a nation as God intended it to be. The Jews were scattered to the far ends of the earth and those living in Palestine were a conquered people. They were held captive in their land by the hated Romans in the time of Jesus. Since anything said about the restoration of the nation of Israel could be construed by the Romans as treason, Jesus had to speak in hidden terms. But also, since Jesus said He didn't know when this future event would take place He had to tell it in such ~~an~~ a way so if it occurred while the Jews were still under bondage they would know what was taking place, or if it took place in distant years, it could still be seen as God's fulfilled prophecy. The nation of Israel, (the fig tree), could not put forth leaves until it was once again a tree, (or a nation). It was in 1948 against great odds that the nation of Israel was born. Within a short period of time it became recognized as Israel by most of the world. With two short clashes with the Arabs Israel gained Jerusalem and the land which was given ~~them~~ to them by Almighty God. They thus became a world power when by all rights, the Arab world should have obliterated them.

Jesus told His disciples further, "Verily I say unto you, 'This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled.'" verse 34.

Liberal scholars have taken this to mean the people who were living at the time, namely the disciples, and since they passed away and that prophecy wasn't fulfilled in their lifetimes, it will not be fulfilled. But the true interpretation is that the word "generation" can refer not only to a time period, but to a race or group of people. Jesus was saying that the Jews, their race would not pass away until all of this was fulfilled. Jewish history will not end until the Battle of Armageddon which is to take place at the end of the period of Tribulation.

Then Jesus said, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My words shall not pass away," vs 35. Two things will remain for ever. God's Word, and people. And then Jesus reiterates what He has said before and He tells what the conditions will be when all this takes place, (read verses 37-41). Noah was building the ark for 120 years. During that time there was no slackening of the people from their sin and worldliness. Our times greatly parallel those days. We are a pleasure seeking world with little or no regard for the things of God. At the time of the flood all of the people were destroyed, but at the Second Coming of the Lord some will be saved and others will be lost. Bible interpreters tell us that the references Jesus is ~~now~~ making here of two people together, one saved, the other lost has to do with the judgement following the Battle of Armageddon. That is true, but I also believe it is a reference to what will take place at the Rapture when Jesus appears for His Church. Only those who are believers will be taken and those who are unbelievers will be left. That is why it is impera-

tive that we determine our destiny before we depart this life either through death or the Rapture. The warning is given by Jesus at the end of this portion of Scripture, "Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come," verse 42.

Be prepared for that day to happen at any time. "Watch," is the key word for "That Other Promise."

(Illustration of father telling young son when he would return)

A father had to go away on business on a long trip. Just before he left his little 3 year-old son asked him, "Daddy, when will you come home?"

This was in the Spring and the father knew that he wouldn't be home until September, but how do you tell that to a three-year-old? So sitting down beside him he said, "When you see the leaves on the trees turning red and brown and starting to fall to the ground, then you will know that Daddy is coming back soon. The next day he hugged and kissed his little boy and left. The green leaves sprouted from all the trees; Spring turned into Summer and each day his mother took ~~for~~ him for a walk. He talked to her about his Daddy and told how he would be back when the leaves turned colors and started to fall. July and August passed and September came, but the leaves stayed green. Then in the middle of the month they slowly started to change, but the little boy didn't notice.

Then one night there was a big wind storm and the next morning the ground was covered with leaves. When the little boy went outside he saw the colored leaves all over the lawn and the sidewalks. He ran to the little piles and started to kick them and shout, "Hurray, Hurray, Daddy's coming home."

And it is what it should be for us. We should be looking with anticipation to the coming of the Lord for us and for His Church. But it is not to be a time of idleness. As we realize the shortness of the time by the signs we see, our watchfulness should be a time of reaping for the kingdom so that others may have what is ours through Christ. First, we need to have ourselves prepared, and then we need to prepare others as well.

How is it with you? Is your house in order? Can you honestly say that His coming is being anticipated without reservations? We have the opportunity today to make everything certain. The warning needs to ring in our ears, "Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come."

St. Paul's United Church of Christ  
Butler, Pennsylvania

Rev. Ralph Link, Pastor June 17, 1990  
Mr. Robert Weisenstein, Liturgist  
Mr. Dale Rice, Minister of Music  
Mr. Roland Thompson, Saxophonist  
Acolytes: Wesley Miller and Jimmy Shearer

ORDER OF WORSHIP 11:00 A.M.

Prelude

Chiming of the Hour

Announcements

Congregational Greeting

Joys

Prayer Requests

\*Opening Hymn No. 123 "When We All Get to Heaven"

\*Ascription

\*Call to Worship:

Pastor - Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth  
rejoice

People - Enter into His gates with thanksgiving,  
And into His courts with praise.

Pastor - Seek ye the Lord while He may be found,  
Call upon Him while He is near.

Invocation: Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, by whose  
will and blessings we have been permitted to worship in  
this house; we gratefully give you thanks for the years  
this congregation has remained at this site. For worship,  
preaching, teaching, and the ministry of comfort in the  
name of Jesus Christ, for which this church and people  
have existed, we praise You. May our worship this day  
reflect our thanksgiving, and all future worship be worthy  
of Your Most Holy Name. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Praise: Leader - Blessed be the Lord God

People - And blessed be His glorious name forever.

\*Gloria Patri - page 142

Children's Moment

Call to Prayer: Pastor - The Lord be with You

People - And with Thy Spirit

Pastor - Let us pray.

Morning Prayer

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

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Dedication of the Church Building

Prayer Hymn No. 123 "When We All Get to Heaven"

Scripture: Matthew 24: 3-28

Sermon: "That Other Promise: Take Heed"

\*Invitational Hymn No. 128 "Face to Face"

\*Benediction

\*Closing Chimes

\*Postlude

\*Congregation Standing

The beautiful flowers on the altar have been placed by

Ruth Davies in memory of Loved Ones.

Mrs. Emogene Massey will greet our members and guests at

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Ushering today are Kris Pedersen, Mike Kay, Anna Gonzalez,

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Nursery will be provided today by Mrs. Shirley Link.

Attendance last Sunday was 106 with 9 visitors.

Rick Vinroe and Art Snyder will be visiting the hospital

this week.

Hospitalized: Mrs. Mary Sherman and Walter Hollefreund

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Van Driver for next Sunday will be Dick Mangel.

VBS begins on Monday at 6:30 to 9 P.M. All teachers are to

be there at 6:00 P.M. and ready. Openings will be held

in the Sanctuary. Please come, one and all. Classes for

all ages: yes, even the Adults!!!

JULY 15th - a very important Congregational meeting will be

held immediately following the service in Rehoboth Hall.

We need all of you there, so please be in attendance.

JUNE 24th - PICNIC & WORSHIP IN THE PARK will be held at

11:00 A.M. Come with a picnic basket filled with food

and a table service. Dress casually and be prepared to

participate in the fun activities of the day. Bring a

ball glove and maybe we will play softball or volleyball.

Lay Life and Work Committee will be hosting this day.

Meat, dessert and beverages are provided.

At the close of the service the invitation is extended to

each worshipper to respond to God's leading for your

life. This invitation gives the opportunity to accept

Christ, to pray, to meditate, or to seek counseling.

The altar is open to everyone. The Pastor will assist

you if you desire.

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3. The third thing I noticed was the light. It was a soft, golden light that seemed to emanate from the windows of the building. It was a warm, inviting light that made me want to go in. I hesitated for a moment, my hand on the doorknob, before I pushed it open. The light was even brighter inside, and I felt a sense of peace that I had never known before.

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5. The fifth thing I noticed was the music. It was a soft, melodic tune that seemed to come from the walls of the building. It was a beautiful, haunting melody that made me want to dance. I hesitated for a moment, my hand on the doorknob, before I pushed it open. The music was even louder inside, and I felt a sense of joy that I had never known before.

6. The sixth thing I noticed was the smell. It was a sweet, fragrant scent that seemed to come from the flowers in the garden. It was a warm, comforting smell that made me want to stay. I hesitated for a moment, my hand on the doorknob, before I pushed it open. The smell was even stronger inside, and I felt a sense of peace that I had never known before.

7. The seventh thing I noticed was the sound. It was a soft, rhythmic sound that seemed to come from the heart of the building. It was a beautiful, soothing sound that made me want to sleep. I hesitated for a moment, my hand on the doorknob, before I pushed it open. The sound was even louder inside, and I felt a sense of peace that I had never known before.

8. The eighth thing I noticed was the taste. It was a sweet, tangy taste that seemed to come from the fruit in the basket. It was a warm, comforting taste that made me want to eat. I hesitated for a moment, my hand on the doorknob, before I pushed it open. The taste was even stronger inside, and I felt a sense of peace that I had never known before.

9. The ninth thing I noticed was the touch. It was a soft, gentle touch that seemed to come from the hand of the person behind the door. It was a warm, comforting touch that made me want to hold on. I hesitated for a moment, my hand on the doorknob, before I pushed it open. The touch was even stronger inside, and I felt a sense of peace that I had never known before.

10. The tenth thing I noticed was the love. It was a soft, gentle love that seemed to come from the heart of the person behind the door. It was a warm, comforting love that made me want to stay. I hesitated for a moment, my hand on the doorknob, before I pushed it open. The love was even stronger inside, and I felt a sense of peace that I had never known before.



"That Other Promise: Take Heed"

Scripture: Matthew 24:3-28

(Illustration of importance of father's)

Someone has said, "Any father who thinks he's all important should remind himself that his country honors fathers only one day a year, while pickles get a whole week."

As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives, His disciples wanted to know what would the signs of His return would be and when the end of the world would take place. Matthew writes, "And Jesus answered and said unto them, 'Take heed,'" verse 4A.

That almost sounds like a TV commercial doesn't it? "Got a headache?, take two Heed tablets and call your doctor in the morning." That of course, wasn't what Jesus was saying, and we should add the rest of that verse because of its importance. He said, "Take heed that no man deceive you." He was aware that as time went on deception would come from many different directions.

(Illustration of boys in Biology class trying to deceive the professor)

In a biology class a group of boys took different bugs and from each of those bugs they took a part. Assembling these parts together they had what looked like a rare and unique bug. Then they then took this "bug" to the professor for him to identify.

The professor looked at the bug for a long time and finally he said, "Boys, I think this is a humbug."

There are these kinds of deception which basically just seek to pull a prank or joke. But Jesus wasn't talking about this kind of deception. He was talking about people who would come along and follow everything happening in the world and then set a time or date on the appearance of Jesus into the world again. And He was also talking about those who would wait for His coming and when it didn't happen, to lull people into a sense of security. This is a summation of where we are in our world today. There are those who are seeing the events of the world and forming groups to follow them and setting dates on His return. Then there are those who are saying, "2000 years have gone by and He still hasn't returned and I don't think He will. All of us will just live a normal amount of years and then die and after we're dead people will still be talking about His coming for the Church." In both instances the arch-deceiver is at work. Jesus knew this better than anyone else because He had been tempted by Satan at the very beginning of His earthly ministry. It was one of Jesus' disciples hearing what Jesus was saying about "Taking Heed," who wrote to the first-century church, "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour," 1 Peter 5:8.

Notice, Peter says, "Be sober, be vigilant." The word vigilant ~~is~~ has the same meaning as the words, "watch" and "Heed" had in Jesus' conversatin.

Now Biblical scholars are divided on these verses we are using this morning as to the actual time period involved. There are those who say ~~this~~ this Scripture pertains to the period of the Tribulation. Then there are those who say these events precede the Tribulation. I believe these events precede the Tribulation, but will be intensified during the Tribulation. Let's look at some of these verses to see what Jesus was saying. First, Jesus tells of the coming of false Christs, verse 5 - (read). Sometime back in the eighties a full page ad appeared in the New York Times stating that the Messiah had arrived and was living in New York city. There have been others who have laid claim to being the promised one of God. There

are others who have not laid claim to Messiahship but have been acclaimed by other people as the Messiah. One of those on the scene today is the Head Red Gorbachev. People have actually called him "the Savior of the World."

Then Jesus said, verses 6 and 7, (read). Notice, at the end of verse 6 He says, "but the end is not yet."

He is saying that these events will be leading up to the end. We can see that even though ~~xxx~~ the major powers are at peace, there are small wars taking place right now in various parts of the world. Jesus said there would be "famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes in divers places." Earthquakes in recent days have been recorded in places where there were never earthquakes before. Remember last year there was a small one right here in Butler? A so called "world expert" about life on this planet came out just recently and said that the thing which would end the human race was not nuclear bombs, but famine since we cannot feed all of the population of the world right now. He said it would get progressively worse. Jesus said, "All these are the beginning of sorrows," verse 8.

Then He says, (read verses 9-11. But the conditions will be such that the faith of people will be severely tried because He says, "And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold," verse 12.

Sin is abounding today as never before. Punishment for those convicted even of heinous crimes is sorely lacking and so much so that people are questioning how things could possibly get much worse. And many of those are shrugging and saying, "What's the use, if you can't beat em, join em?" But we are to stand firm in the faith for our Lord said, "But he that shall endure to the end, the same shall be saved," verse 17.

Another sign of the coming end is, (read verse 14). The Gospel has not yet been preached to 1 all the world, but it is getting closer every year. Bible translators are producing new translations every year.

Then Jesus goes into some other details of the end times which partially pertain to the Jews about the Temple and the Sabbath. His summation is, (read verses 21 & 22). Jesus is saying that as believers live through these end time days and things keep going from bad to worse, all mankind would ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ lose out on salvation, but God won't permit that because of ~~xx~~ those who are His. He will step into history at that point and His Church will be taken out of this present world.

As we see things escalating in sin, and violence, and bloodshed we wonder where it all will end. As believers we know that God will intervene into history and at the appointed time God will take His Church and His people out of the world scene. What should be our stance? Jesus said, "Take Heed." That word "Heed" is interesting to me since it was one of the first Greek words I had to learn in seminary. In Greek the word is "HAIPO". We had a lot of fun with the word. Someone would explain something to us and we would answer, "Oh, I Blepo," meaning "I see." Jesus is saying to look at events taking place, See those events for what they are. But does this mean we divorce ourselves from the living of this life and say, "Oh well, it's all going to end soon. So why not live it up and eat, drink, and be merry." We must live in this world and live through whatever ~~xxxxx~~ comes along, but we must be about our lives until God calls us home in whatever way He will.



(Illustration of Dr. Joseph Stowell, president of Moody Bible Institute)

Dr. Joseph Stowell is the president of Moody Bible Institute. He tells of the time shortly after he moved from Michigan to Chicago to take over the presidency when he received a threat on his life. He was ordered to pay a million dollars of the Moody Institutes money to the homeless or he would be killed. He turned the matter over to the Chicago police and they agreed the threat was legitimate. So until the day of the deadline he had police watching him day and night. He said he never knew when he got into his car if perhaps when he turned on the key it would blow up. The night before the deadline he thought all kinds of things since that may have been his last night on earth. The next day he got up, got ready to go to the office and kept thinking this might be the last time he would see his wife, or his children, without telling them of his concern. He walked out of the house with his daughter, said so long, and then watched her as she walked away, thinking it might be the last time he saw her, without saying that to her. But he said, she turned around, and with a wave of her hand and a big smile said, "I'll see you in heaven Dad."

I like how Paul handles that thought. In his letter to the Romans in the 14th chapter, verses 7 through 9, he writes, (Read these verses).

As long as we belong to the Lord it matters not whether Jesus appears today, or tomorrow, or another two-thousand years from now. If we are His, we are His in life and in death. Dr. Stowell's daughter had the right idea. When we separate from each other, we need to say, "I'll see you in heaven," instead of goodbye, or so long.

Can you say <sup>that</sup> this morning and truly mean it? Do you know that when you close your eyes in this life, you will awaken in heaven? We can make this a reality if we haven't yet done so. Come to the Savior today and cast your life upon Him. Then know for a certainty that no one, nor nothing can separate you from Almighty God. You are His now and forever. "Take heed."

St. Paul's United Church of Christ  
Butler, Pennsylvania  
Rev. Ralph Link, Pastor June 24, 1990  
Mr. Dale Rice, Minister of Music  
Mr. Robert Weisenstein, Liturgist  
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CHURCH IN THE PARK SERVICE 11:00 A.M.

*Prayer*

Prelude  
Announcements  
Congregational Greeting  
Joys  
Prayer Requests

*Scripture*

\*Ascription  
\*Call to Worship:

*Leader*

Leader - How excellent is Thy loving-kindness,  
O God!

*People*

People - Therefore the children of men put their  
trust under the shadow of Thy wings.

*All*

All - For with Thee is the fountain of life;  
in Thy light shall we see light.

*Invocation*

\*Invocation (In Unison) Eternal God, our Maker and our  
Lord, Giver of all grace from whom every good prayer  
comes, and who pours His Spirit on all who seek Him:  
deliver us when we draw nigh to You, from coldness of  
heart and wanderings of mind; that with steadfast  
thoughts and pure affections we may worship You in  
spirit and in truth, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

*Opening Hymn*

Opening Hymn No. ~~62~~ <sup>#40</sup> "Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine"

*Morning Prayer*

Morning Prayer

*Offering*

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*Doxology*

\*Doxology #29

Hymn No. ~~477~~ More About Jesus Would I Know"

Scripture: Exodus 34: 5-8

Sermon: "How Close?"

Prayer

*Closing Hymn*

Closing Hymn No. ~~363~~ <sup>#11</sup> "To God be the Glory"

Benediction

Blessing for the Lunch

Postlude

+ + + + + \*Congregation Standing + + + + +

Unannounced today are Dick Mangel, Dick Dally, Donley Martin  
and Don Kingsley.

Attendance last Sunday was 85 with 6 visitors.

Van Driver for next Sunday will be Jim Gannon.

Bob Weisenstein and Daryl Morrison will be visiting the  
hospital this week.

Hospitalized: Mid Diefenderfer in Allegheny General  
Walter Hollefreund in BWH.  
Harry Davis in Mercy Hospital

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For the next two weeks the Pastor will be on vacation. If  
you have a need or an emergency, please call Ginny at  
home or in the office.

UPCOMING DATES: Council meeting July 11th

We need to thank the director and staff of VBS for having  
a most enjoyable and learning week. Thanks for all of  
your efforts. We had approximately 35-40 children each  
evening plus an adult class of 7.

JULY 15th - a very important meeting of the congregation  
will be held immediately following the service. A  
letter will be forth coming with more details. We need  
all of you there to handle the issues at hand. Please  
make every effort to attend.

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PRELUDE

DURING MY ABSENCE THE NEXT THREE SUNDAYS, GEORGE CANNON  
WILL BE FILLING IN FOR ME

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## "How Close?

Scripture: Exodus 34:5-8

(Illustration of boy in church and "God not there")

After attending church with his father one Sunday morning, before getting into bed that evening a little boy knelt at his bedside and prayed, "Dear God, we had a good time at church today, but I wish You had been there."

How unlike that little boy, the Israelites, definitely Moses in particular knew that God was in their midst. Moses was up on the Mount for the second time with two new stones prepared for God to engrave the Law on them. When Moses ascended the Mount we read, "And the Lord descended in the cloud, and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the Lord." verse 5.

God appeared to Him in the cloud and spoke to Moses from that cloud and we read of His presence, "And the Lord passed by before him, and proclaimed, 'The Lord, the Lord God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in ~~goodness~~ goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression, and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children unto the third and fourth generation.'" verses 6-7.

First God identifies Himself as, "He that is who He is, which is what that phrase, "The Lord, The Lord God," literally means in English. God is therefore identifying Himself as The Great I Am. After God does this, He then spells out what He does for mankind. This statement lets Moses know that even though he and the people of Israel are miserable sinners in the sight of God, yet, God will and does forgive and has that covenant relationship with them.

What was the reaction of Moses? The 8th verse tells us, "And Moses made haste, and bowed his head toward the earth, and worshipped," verse 8.

Moses was so close to God and he knew that to be in that position required worship to Him. At this point in time, Moses didn't ask anything of God. He was in His presence and that alone was worthy of worship. Moses had been through all of the experiences of talking to God and getting instructions to lead the people of Israel. But now, God revealed Himself through His name. Just the very name of God should inspire us to bow before Him. The Lord God is He that is who He is. Men have tried to convey thoughts of worship and reverence, but not too many seem to hit the true idea of worship. Frederick W. Faber is perhaps an exception to that rule. You may or may not know that it was he who wrote the words for "Faith of Our Fathers." But two of his writings, (not in most hymnals), speak of the worship of God. Listen to how he phrases this:

How wonderful, how beautiful  
The sight of Thee must be,  
Thine endless wisdom, boundless power  
And awful purity.  
O how I fear Thee, living God,  
With deepest, tenderest fears,  
And worship Thee with trembling hope  
And penitential tears.

And he also wrote:

Only to sit and think of God,  
(Oh, what joy it is!  
To think the thought, to breathe the Name,  
Earth has no higher bliss!

Father of Jesus, love's Reward,  
What rapture will it be,  
Prostrate before Thy throne to lie  
And gaze, and gaze on Thee.

How close are we to God? Do you ever sit and just think of ~~xxxxxxx~~ Him? Do you ever say that Name over and over, savoring the richness of God, Father? What do we see as our relationship to God? Someone wrote a list of questions comparing an individual Christian's life to other areas of life. He wrote:

If your car starts once every three tries, is it reliable?  
If your paperboy skips delivery every Monday and Thursday, is he trustworthy?  
If you don't go to work once or twice a month, are you a loyal employee?  
If your refrigerator stops working for a day or two every now and then, do you say, "Oh well, it works most of the time"?  
If your water heater provides an icy cold shower every now and then is it dependable?  
If you miss a couple of loan payments every year, does the bank say, "Ten out of twelve isn't bad"?  
If you fail to worship God one or two Sundays a month, would you expect to be called a faithful Christian?  
We expect faithfulness and reliability from things and other people. Does not God expect the same from us? The problem is that in our religious activities we see ourselves as volunteers rather than as duty bound. For a volunteer, almost anything seems acceptable. For a bondservant who is duty bound, faithfulness is expected.

What is our faithfulness? This past week one of our granddaughters was at our house for the day and she kept asking, "Grandma, is it time to go to Vacation Bible School?" She was looking forward to going each night. And this was Thursday. I was talking to one little girl one night after the classes were over for that night and she was bubbling with excitement at how much she was enjoying everything and was looking forward to coming the next night. How excited are we about Church and worship? Did we look forward to coming here this morning? I know some who didn't simply because they seem to believe you can't worship God unless it is inside of the buildings we call "churches." But we are here, and I trust your enthusiasm is such that you will know that this morning you were at worship even though it was out of doors.

How Close are we to God? How Close is God to us? It depends on our perspective about worship.

(Illustration of preacher, Francois Fenelon to King Louis XIV of France)

Francois Fenelon was the court preacher for King Louis XIV of France in the 17th century. One Sunday when the king and his attendants arrived at the chapel for the regular service, no one was present except the preacher. King Louis demanded, "What does this mean?" Fenelon replied, "I had published that you would not come to church today, in order that Your Majesty might see who serves God in truth and who flatters the king."

Our primary reason for worship should not be determined where the worship is held; nor should it be because of who is there; and it shouldn't be under compulsion. We should always worship because that is the desire of our hearts. And we should want to worship whether the church is empty or full. "How Close?" Only as close as we permit ourselves to draw near to God. How we worship determines how we serve. Worship is no substitute for service, nor is service a substitute for worship. But true worship is always expressed in loving service.











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## PERSONAL TESTIMONY

OF

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I am the youngest of five children. I was born just prior to the onset of the Depression. Our family was very poor. My father was an alcoholic and my mother was a very religious person who was searching for the Lord. During my childhood she did her best to teach me the things of the Lord. Later in life she came to a personal relationship with Him.

I grew up in the Evangelical and Reformed Church where salvation by grace alone was not preached nor taught. I knew all about Jesus, what He did, how He lived, His miracles, His death and resurrection, but I didn't know Him personally.

My life had many ups and downs and all the while I was attending church and striving with my good works to please God. At a very low point in my life when we were deeply in debt and my wife and three children were all ill, I came to the crossroads. I watched a Billy Graham Crusade on television from some distant city and the message he preached seemed to be directed right at me. I wrestled with making that commitment to Christ, but didn't. The next afternoon and evening at work on the 4 to 12 shift I came to the conclusion that I needed to make that commitment to Christ. It seemed like there was no other choice if life was to have any meaning. That night when I came home from work at 1:00 A.M., I laid face down on the living room floor and told God that I couldn't live my life in my own strength and I accepted the gift of salvation from my Savior Jesus Christ. My life has never been the same.

Through several meaningful circumstances I was called by God to serve Him in the Christian Ministry and to help spread that wonderful message of salvation through the shed blood of Jesus Christ. What a wonderful and rewarding time it has been and I give Him all the praise for my salvation and the opportunity to serve Him.



# STATEMENT OF FAITH

OF

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I believe the Bible, both the Old and New Testaments to be the inspired inerrant Word of God. I believe the Bible is the complete revelation of His will for the salvation of men and it is the final authority for the Christian faith and life.

I believe in one God, who is eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

I believe in the Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ that He is true God and true man. I believe that He was born of the Virgin Mary, that He lived in sinless life, that He performed the miracles recorded in Scripture, that He died on the cross as a sacrifice for our sins, that He bodily arose from the dead, that He ascended on high where He is at the right hand of Almighty God as our intercessor.

I believe in the Holy Spirit and that He comes and indwells each believer at the time of conversion. I believe that He lives in each believer to lead, to instruct, and to convict so that a believer may live a more godly life.

I believe that through the shed blood of Jesus Christ and through His resurrection, this is the only ground for justification and salvation for all who receive Him. A Lord and Savior and to such as receive Him, they are born of the Holy Spirit and become children of God.

I believe water baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of the Church but are not means of salvation.

I believe in the personal and premillennial and imminent coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

I believe in the resurrection of the dead, for the believer to resurrection of life and joy with the Lord, for the unbeliever to resurrection of judgement and everlasting punishment.